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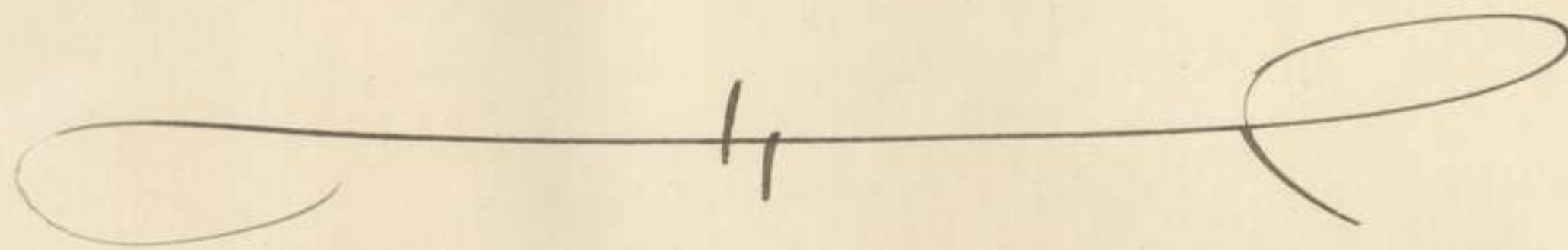
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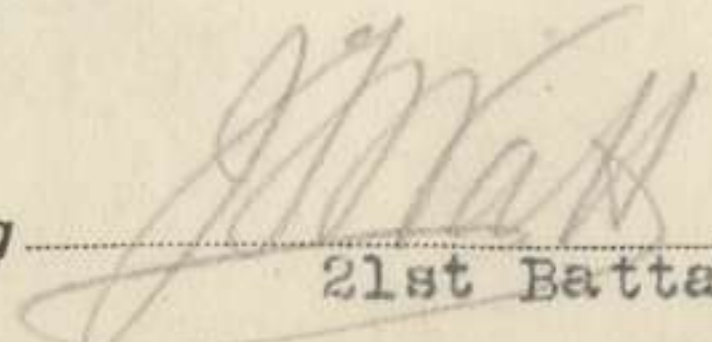
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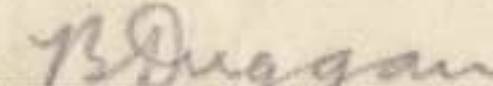
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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By Lieut.-Colonel B.O.C. DUGGAN D.S.O.  
Commanding 21st Battalion A.I.F.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ROISEL.	1918. Oct.		Battalion as Divisional Reserve.	
VILLERET AREA.	1st.		Major A.E. Reed D.S.O. proceeded to England to attend Senior Officers' School at ALDERSHOT. Lt. R.R. Neal proceeded to England for tour of duty as Signalling Instructor at the 2nd Training Brigade. Lt. H. Smitheram proceeded to A.I.F. Headquarters for return to Australia. Capt. A.R. MacNeil M.C. rejoined Battalion from Wounded - Gas, ex Sick Leave.	
			<u>HONOURS AND REWARDS.</u> The following Officers were awarded Bars to the MILITARY CROSS for gallantry at HERLEVILLE on 18.8.18. T/Capt. J. SULLIVAN M.C. M.M. Lieut. W.E. HARDWICK M.C. Lt. W. McConnochie rejoined Battalion from IV Army School of Musketry.	
		0900.	Bn moved by march route from ROISEL, via HERVILLY & HESBECOURT to Trenches in G.14.C. Sheet 62B. 1/40,000. Appendix No. 1.	
		1430.	All correct reported.	
		1900.	Battalion moved forward to trenches G.17.b. and G.18.a. near NAUROY. Bn Hqrs at G.18.a.4.2.	
NAUROY AREA.		2130.	"All correct" reported to Brigade. Messages received and copies of messages sent Appendix No. 2. 10 O.R. proceeded on English Leave. 10 O.R. rejoined Unit from Eng. Leave. <u>Casualties.</u> - Nil. <u>Evacuations.</u> - <u>Weather.</u> - Fine.	(D)
"	2nd.		Bn. as Divisional Reserve. Regimental Aid Post established at G.18.c.1.9. Messages received and copies of messages sent. Appendix No. 3. <u>Casualties.</u> - Nil. <u>Evacuations.</u> - Nil. <u>Weather.</u> - Dull.	(D)
"	3rd.		Bn as Divisional Reserve.	
		1230.	Battalion moved forward and took up position as supports to the 7th A.I. Brigade. Coys & Hqrs in trenches at H.1.a. Bn Hqrs at B.25.c.1.1. Here the Bn came under the tactical command of 7th Bde.	
		1500.	All correct reported.	
		2130.	Battalion moved from trenches where it had been in support to the 7th A.I. Bde to the BEAUREVOIR LINE at B.27.a.&.b. Bn Hqrs at B.27.a.9.2. The Unit then came under the command of 6th A.I. Bde as Bde Reserve. Lt. T.L. Brett and 2/Lt. W. Whitbread and 5 O.R. proceeded to Aust. Corps School from the Div. Wing. Capt. M.B. Kelly and 2 O.R. proceeded to IV Army Inf. School from the Div. Rft Wing. Lt. R.K. Bazley M.C. proceeded on English Leave ex Wing. Capt. C.V. Duncan and 2 O.R. proceeded to IV Army Musketry School, Messages received Appendix No. 4. 1 O.R. arrived from Base. <u>Evacuations.</u> - 1 O.R. <u>Casualties.</u> - Nil. <u>Weather.</u> - Unsettled.	(D)
"	4th.	0230.	"All correct" reported to Bde. Bn as Bde Reserve. Dispositions as per previous day. Bde Order 183, Adm. Order 55, & 2nd Aust. Div. Adm. Instructions 12, 13, 14, and 15 received. Appendix No. 5. Bde Order 184 & Adm. Memo. 56 received. Appendix No. 6.	(D)



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Commanding 21st Battalion A.I.F.

Place	Date 1918.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ESTREES AREA.	Oct. 4th.	2100.	Bn Order No. 171 issued. Appendix No. 7. Messages received and copies sent. Appendix No. 8. 1 O.R. joined Unit from Base. 9 O.R. on English Leave. <u>Casualties.</u> - 2 O.R. Wounded. <u>Evacuations.</u> - 3 O.R. <u>Weather.</u> - Dull.	(P)
"	5th.	0300.	Bn moved from Trench System in B.27.c. to Assembly Position in H.10.b.	
		0435.	Companies moved off with guides to J.O.T. Bn Hqrs at H.10.a.0.3. with 24th Bn and 2nd Pioneer Bn. Companies took up the following dispositions on the J.O.T. - <u>Right Company.</u> - "A" Coy, plus 1 Platoon of "D" Coy. T/Capt. J. SULLIVAN M.C., M.M., O.C. H.12.d.5.5. to H.12.a.8.4. <u>Left Company.</u> - "B" Coy plus 1 Platoon of "D" Coy. Capt. O.V. Hoad O.C. H.12.a.8.4. to H.6.c.2.2. <u>Reserve Company.</u> - "D" Coy (less 2 Platoons) Lt. W.E. Hardwick M.C., O.C. in rear of "A" & "B" Coys. <u>Bn on Left.</u> - 24th A.I. Bn. 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn in front line until 0550, then in rear of 21st & 24th Bns. R.A.P. established at SWISS COTTAGE.	
		0530.	Companies reported "All correct" and in position on J.O.T.	
		0545.	Lt. R.H. Farndon (Sig. Officer) established a Forward Report Centre at H.6.c.2.2. and reported Companies on J.O.T. and all O.K.	
		0605.	Barrage opened for the attack on MONTBREHAIN. Report Centre reported all O.K. Pioneer Bn formed up behind Companies and were in position. Gas shelling fairly heavy.	
		0613.	Report Centre reports "Retaliation quiet on left of Sector; lively on Right; Tanks not yet seen."	
		0619.	From Report Centre. - "Troops appear to be waiting behind our barrage."	
		0620.	Telephone line down to Report Centre.	
		0633.	Telephone line reestablished with Report Centre. Message from the latter. - "Enemy retaliating on our old front line. Troops moving forward O.K. Heavy M.G. fire from the Village."	
		0637.	Wire destroyed by shell-fire.	
		0654.	Wire re-established and Report Centre sends. - "Heavy M.G. fire on left; retaliation still on front line."	
		0655.	From Report Centre. - "Casualties fairly heavy." "T/Capt. J. Sullivan reported badly wounded. Have sent 2 Tanks forward. Much opposition from Village. 2 Tanks appear to be coming back in H.17. 2 Prisoners 133rd Regt. here."	
MONTBRE- HAIN.		0715.	From Report Centre. - Asking for location of Pioneer Bn R.A.P.	(P) N
		10	R.M.O. (Capt. H. Mendelsohn) decided to move forward about 2 Kilos. R.A.P. established in Railway	
		0718.	Cutting at H.6.c.7.3.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MONTBREHAIN.	1918. Oct. 5th.	0719.	From Report Centre.--"Our men seen well into MONTBREHAIN. About 100 Prisoners. About 50 Huns seen going back over high ground in front of 23rd Bn. 4 Tanks have come back. Everything appears to be going well."	
		0722.	Above message repeated to Brigade Headquarters by telephone.	
		0723.	Report Centre moved forward to Railway Cutting at H.6.c.7.3.	
		0743.	Wounded Officer from 24th Bn reports his Company on Objective. Left Company of 21st appeared to be doing well and were slightly forward of them. Prisoners stated that they knew of the attack and artillery was brought up specially. A Regimental Headquarters was at I.16.c.	
		0745.	Civilians coming back from the Village. From Report Centre.--"Lt. W. McConnochie reports - Going O.K. Little opposition in Village. Have mopped up most of "A" Coy's sector in Village. Our artillery falling short. Right flank appears to be O.K." T/Capt. J. Sullivan M.C., M.M. died of wounds. Capt. O.V. Hoad, O.C. "B" Coy, and 2/Lt. G.F.V. Grenness both wounded.	
		0808.	Report Centre established further forward at H.6.c.85.00. Things seem all O.K.	
		0816.	Lt. W.E. Hardwick M.C. reports - "Things in front seem O.K. but my position (old front line) is getting heavily strafed. Have a number of stretcher cases and wounded and require stretchers early." Instructions given by C.O. to Lt. W.E. Hardwick to collect and send up as many tools as possible and to shift his men if he could get a better position as long as he remained in touch with Bn Hqrs by telephone.	
		0830.	Lt. W. McConnochie reports (through R.C.) --"Getting M.G. fire from DOON MILL which is holding us up at C.2.c. central. Am trying to outflank these machine guns."	
		0850.	Another report from same source.--"We are getting heavy shell fire from behind DOON MILL. Right flank forced to fall back a little."	
		0925.	2/Lt. Stewart sends (through R.C.) that he is 50 Yds off his objective, being held up by M.G. fire from DOON MILL, and that he had only 10 men left. 2/Lt. G.W. Stewart wounded.	
		0938.	Lt. W.B.F. McKiernan reports "B" Coy along Sunken Road in C.25.d.8.8. and C.26.c. central. Huns massing in C.20. and 21. S.A.A. anted.	
		0955.	Lt. W.E. Hardwick M.C. instructed to send 1 Platoon to "B" Coy and 1 Platoon to "A" Coy carrying as much S.A.A. and as many tools as possible.	
		10.15.	Lt. W.H. Roberts reports having got through Village into Sunken Road in B.25.d. also about 12 men of the 24th Bn with him. They were attacked on three sides and had to come back to western side of village.	
		10.35.	An Officer from 24th Bn reported that he had come back to Quarry at H.12.b.9.9. with "B" Coy, 21st Bn. This was done after consultation. Short of S.A.A. and bombs.	
		1040.	Lt. W.H. Roberts ordered to go forward with his Company, 2 Platoons of "D" Coy, and any 24th Bn men handy and establish re-establish line in front of Village.	



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Place	Date 1918.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MONTBRE- HAIN.	Oct. 5th.	1045.	Lt. W. McConnochie reports things in a very bad way on "A" Coy's sector, they being shelled at point blank range from three directions. Field Gun firing from I.2.d.50.25. causing casualties. Posts at I.8.a.0.5., I.8.a.50.95. & I.2.c.7.5.	
		1055.	Officers from 18th Bn reported and were given orders to move up and gain touch between "A" & "B" Companies on Right of Village.	
		1125.	Message from C.S.M. Trevascus ("B" Coy) - "I have 3 L.G. Teams of 24th Bn working with me here. DOON MILL full of machine guns and require artillery on same. Enemy artillery in Valley in front firing point blank. Have about 35 men disposed in posts at I.2.a.0.7., I.2.a.5.5., & I.2.a.95.30.	
		1145.	From Report Centre. - "Enemy attacking straight down from DOON MILL in extended order, advancing in rushes, about 100 have advanced so far."	
		1155.	From same source. - "Enemy in Sunken Road and Valley near DOON MILL. Artillery wants to shorten." Brigade advised.	
		1205.	From Lt. Hardwick (through R.C.) "All advanced forward. LT Roberts on Right. Myself and another party on Left. Right party connecting up with "A" Company. We now hold the Village. Am waiting for their reports. If none come in we shall go and reconnoitre."	
		1210.	Lt. McConnochie reports (through R.C.) that he is getting Right Flank straightened out and consolidated, that he had about 75 men of all Units, and needed S.A.A. and bombs. Our artillery were firing a few short. Would like them to fire on DOON MILL & BRANCOURT.	
		1240.	From Lt. Hardwick. - Message from Lt. F. Gawler M.C. reads. "Have reached Cemetery in B.30.d. and am now under direct M.G. fire from Left Flank. Have made four posts around forward area of Cemetery, extending across to I.1.a.5.9. Cannot see any people in vicinity. Hun movement in front back to his own territory. Timed. 1210."	
		1300.	From Lt. F. Gawler M.C. (through R.C.) "Lt. W.H. Roberts is establishing on my Right. Junction of Coys at Small Copse in I.1.a.5.9. Am digging in here."	
		1315.	From Report Centre. - "Artillery again asked for on DOON MILL."	
		1355.	From Lieut. F.W. Blencowe M.M. (through R.C.) "About 200 enemy seen coming from the direction of VAUX LE PRETRE and disappeared into valley." Bde advised.	
		1500.	2 Companies of 18th Bn reported in position. Verbal instructions received that the 118th American Regiment would relieve the Brigade Group and that the C.O., 21st Bn, was requested to take charge of the relief and arrange for the whole front. No actual counter-attacks developed throughout the afternoon. The enemy dribbled his men forward apparently to gain touch with our outposts and then establish a line. Our M.G.s had excellent targets throughout and caused heavy casualties to the enemy, as also did our snipers. The situation was cleared up during the afternoon and at dusk Posts were established by 21st & 24th Bns on the Northern edge of the Village, thus making it secure and giving a definite line to hand over	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MONTBRE-HAIN.	1918. Oct. 5th.	1600.	An advance party from the 118th American Regiment went forward to reconnoitre. The C.O. had divided the front held by the Pioneer Bn, 21st, & 24th Bns into 2 Parts - each of which was again subdivided into three areas. Each main part was allotted to 1 Bn of Americans, each Subdivision to a Company, with the 4th Company in Support. The 118th Regt. A.E.F. (3 Bns) took over the area held by the Pioneer, 21st, and 24th Bns. 2 Bns went into the line and the 3rd Bn remained in support. Arrangements were made for the whole relief by the C.O., 21st Bn., and, save for 1 Company being wrongly guided, the relief went smoothly and was completed at 0235 on the 6th. Messages received and sent during the operation. Appendix No. 9. 1945. Bde Order 185. and Adm. Memo. 57. received Appendix No. 10. Messages received for, and during, relief Appendix No. 11. Bn moved back to Cookers near NAUROY where hot meal was served. Companies took up a position in Trenches at G.17.b. Bn Hqrs at G.17.d.5.3.	18th, 20th
NAUROY.	6th.	0330.	"All correct" reported to Brigade. Casualties for operation.- <u>Officers.-</u> Killed.- T/Capt. J. Sullivan M.C., M.M., Lt. W.E. Hardwick M.C., Lt. S.J. Bennie. Wounded.- Capt. O.V. Hoad, Lt. E.B. Mason M.C., Lt. W.B.F. McKiernan, 2/Lt. G.F.V. Grenness, & 2/Lt. C.W. Stewart. <u>Other Ranks.-</u> Killed.- 21 Wounded - At duty.- 3 Wounded.- 99 Missing.- Nil. 5 O.R. returned from English Leave. Lt. C.W.B. Tims (Att'd 6th A.L.T.M.B.) Wounded in Action. 2/Lt. E.H. Kean M.M. returned from IV Army Artillery School. Evacuations.- 1 Officer (2/Lt. A. Hardie M.M.) & 2 O.R. Weather.- Fine. 0100. Bde Order No. 186. received APPENDIX No. 12. 0300. Bn Order No. 172. issued Appendix No. 13. 2nd Div. Intelligence Summaries from 0600.3.10.18. to 0600.6.10.18. Appendix No. 14. Congratulatory Message from G.O.C., LV Army. Appendix No. 15. 0930. Message received from Brigade that the clock would be put back one hour on receipt of said message. Appendix No. 16. WIANCOURT MAP. 1/20,000. Showing all areas occupied, routes taken to and from Assembly Areas, J.O.T., Boundaries, Objectives, and Approx. Line on relief. Appendix No. 17. 0945. Bn moved by march route to billets in HERVILLY Area. 13.00. Arrived at Billets. 1700. Div. Adm. Memo. 229. received Appendix No. 18. 1 O.R. arrived from Base. 2 O.R. on Eng. Leave. Lieut. E.J. Quirk returned from French Leave. (good services). Casualties.- Nil. Evacuations.- Nil. Weather.- Fine. HONOURS AND REWARDS.- Capt. M.B. KELLY awarded CROIX DE GUERRE AVEC L'ETOILE D'ARGENT for continuous	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HERVILLY AREA.	1918. Oct.	0130.	Bde Order No. 187 received. Appendix No. 20.	
	6th.	0300.	Bde Order No. 173 issued. Appendix No. 21.	
	7th.	0730.	Bn transport moved off to travel by road to Rest Area.	
		0830.	Bn moved off by march route to ROISEL.	
		0935.	Bn arrived at ROISEL Siding.	
		0945.	Battalion entrained. Train porting of Transport entrained at TINCOURT.	
		1015.	Train departed for ST ROCHE (AMIENS).	
		1610.	Arrived at ST ROCHE (AMIENS).	
		1615.	Bn detrained and then moved off by march route to TIRANCOURT & LA CHAUSSEE, via DREUIL & AILLY SUR SOMME, and CANAL BANK.	
		2100.	All correct reported to Brigade. Companies billeted in Chateau at TIRANCOURT. Bn Hqs in Billets in LA CHAUSSEE. 1 O.R. returned from English Leave.	
			Evacuations.- Nil. Casualties.- Nil. Weather.- Showery.	
LA CHAUSSEE - TIRANCOURT.	Oct.		Battalion in rest. Train portion of transport arrived at 1130 from detraining station VIGNACOURT.	
	8th.		Evacuations.- Nil. Weather.- Fine.	
"	9th.		Battalion resting. Inspection of Arms and Equipment. 8 O.R. returned from English Leave. 10 O.R. on English Leave.	
		1600.	Bn Transport arrived and lines established in LA CHAUSSEE.	
			Evacuations.- 1 O.R. Weather.- Unsettled.	
"	10th.		Battalion in rest. Training. Football Match. C.O.'s report on operations carried out by this Unit from 0600 2.10.18. to 0600 6.10.18. Appendix No. 22. Brigade Report on same period Appendix No. 23. Recommendations for Honours and Rewards for recent operations.- Appendix No. 24. Lieut. A.E. Reilly M.M. proceeded on English Leave. 2 O.R. arrived from Base. 1 O.R. from Eng. Leave.	
			Weather.- Fine.	
"	11th.		Bn in Rest. Training. Bn Parade. P.T. & Organised Games. Football Match. Bde Memo No. 1181 reference reorganisation of Bn on 2-Coy basis Appendix No. 25. Recommendations for Foreign Decorations Appendix No. 26. 12 O.R. on English Leave.	
			Evacuations.- Nil. Weather.- Unsettled.	



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Place	Date 1918.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TIRAN COURT - LA CHAUSSEE	Oct. 12th.		Bn in rest. Training. Reorganisation of the Bn on a <del>three</del> <sup>two</sup> -Company basis continued. This was done by reforming "C" Company, and then amalgamating "A" & "D" Companies ("D" Coy) and "B" & "C" Companies ("C" Coy) into two Companies. This reorganisation was completed during the day. 2/Lt. A. Malone and 1 O.R. proceeded to Aust. Corps Gas School. C.O. attended a Conference at Bde and it was decided there to further the reorganisation of the Brigade on a three-Battalion basis by <del>amag</del> amalgamating the 21st & 24th Battalions into one Unit, which would retain the title of the "24th Bn." Bde Special Memo. 1148 received. This was to be read in conjunction with Special Order dated 24.9.18 Appendix No. 27. Bn Special Order issued Appendix No. 28. 2200. Rolls in connection with forthcoming reorganisation completed under instructions of Capt. A.R. MacNeil M.C., Second in Command (Temp.).	
"	13th.		Battalion in rest. 0900. Rolls passed to Capt. A.R. MacNeil M.C. for C.O. to officially hand over to the Temporary C.O., 24th Bn., Copies sent to Brigade and Battalions concerned. Appendix No. 29. List of Officers on strength of 21st Bn in seniority Appendix No. 30. 0945. Bn formed up into two Companies. "C" Coy - Capt. F. SALE M.C., O.C. "D" Coy - Capt. A.R. MacNEIL M.C., O.C. 1000. C.O. handed over the two Companies to the Temp. C.O., 24th Bn. 1130. Compliance to Brigade Special Order reported to Brigade. Appendix No. 31.	
"	14th.		From this date the 21st Australian Infantry Battalion ceased to exist as an Infantry Unit in the Field. There were left on strength of the Unit C.O., Adjutant, Quartermaster, R.Q.M.S. and Orderly Room Staff. They are to form the Nucleus for the Training Battalion. Returns as per Bde Memo. 928. commenced. Appendix No. 32. Cookers were withdrawn from Companies and returned to Transport Lines. L.M.G.s and gear returned to R.Q.M. Store. Signalling Stores withdrawn and returned to R.Q.M. Store.	
"	15th.		Rolls as per Appendix No. 29 forwarded to formations concerned. (Para. 1. of Appendix No. 32.) Para 2 of Appendix 32. completed. Para. 16. (a) & (b) of App. 32. completed, and copies sent to Bde, Bns, and D.A.P.M. Appendix No. 35. List of men declared Illegal Absentees by Court of Inquiry Appendix No. 36. Copies sent to Bde, Bns, and D.A.P.M. Particulars of absentees in connection with whom para Sec. 72. Army Act, has not yet been complied with. Appendix No. 37. Para. 20. of App. 32. completed and forwarded to Units concerned with Bn leave roster. 1000. Lieut.-Colonel B.O.C. Duggan D.S.O. took over command (Temp.) of the 24th A.I. Battalion.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LA CHAUSSEE.	1918. Oct. 16th.		Pay Sgt reported completion of Para. 3. of Appendix 32. Para. 5(a) & (b) of App. 32. Nil. Return. Para. 12. (App. 32.) completed. Para. 7. (App. 32.) Nil. Para. 17. (App. 32) Completed. Para. 19. (App. 32). Nil Return. Bde Memo. 1302. received Appendix. 38.	(D)
"	17th.		Pay Sgt reported back to Div. Paymaster for duty. Message from Bde. B.M. 96. received Appendix No. 39. Bde Memo. 1230. received Appendix No. 40.	(D)
"	18th.		Para. 9 (App. 32) completed. Copies sent to Units concerned. Appendix 41, 41a, 41b, 41c. Returns as per Appendix No. 39. sent to Brigade. Appendix No. 42. Returns as per Appendix No. 40. sent to Bde & Bns concerned. Appendix No. 43. Para. 11. (App. 32) completed. Papers sent to Bde and Bns concerned. Para 13(a). - Shown on particulars of Officers forwarded as per Appendices 41, 41a, 41b, 41c. Para 13(b). - Completed and forwarded to Units concerned. Appendix No. 44. Bde Memo. 1239. received. Appendix No. 45.	(D)
"	19th.		B 213 completed and forwarded through the usual channels. Copy supplied to 24th A.I. Bn. Appendix No. 46 Strength Return and Missing Return forwarded. Appendix No. 47. Para 13(c). - Completed and copies sent to Bde and Bns concerned. Appendix No. 3 48. 5 B.A.B. Code Books returned to Brigade. Receipt for same. Appendix No. 48a. Code Calls (Bde Nos. 716, 441, 485, 967, 952) returned to Bde. Receipt Appendix No. 48b.	(D)
"	20th.		Para. 14. (App. 32). Completed and forwarded to Units concerned. Para. 15. also completed and forwarded. Appendix No. 49. Christmas Cards as per Appendix No. 50. sent to 24th Bn for distribution to late Officers, N.C.O.s, and men of the 21st Aust. Bn.	(D)
"	21st.		Veterinary Equipment on issue to the 21st A.I. Bn returned to Advanced Vet. Store, ABBEVILLE. Receipt for same Appendix No. 51.	(D)
		1100.	Transport moved to FREMONT as per Appendix 45. Bde Memo. 1239, SCA 127, 115, & 122. Para 6 (App. 32) commenced.	(D)
"	22nd.		Chap. S.L. Buckley reported to 6th Aust. Field Ambulance for duty. Particulars forwarded to Bde & Field Amb. Appendix No. 52. Para. 6 (App. 32) completed and handed to Bn Q.M.	(D)
"	23rd.		Preliminary Report on Bde 928. (App. 32). Copy attached. Appendix No. 53. Certificates from 22nd, 23rd, & 24th Bns certifying that all information has been supplied. Appendix 54, 54a, 54b. Q.M.'s Report for period. Appendix No. 55. Transport Officer's Report. Appendix No. 56. C.O.'s Report. Appendix 57.	(D) ∞

..... Lieut.-Colonel, Commanding 21st Bn., A.I.F.



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21st BATTALION A. I. F.

FOR

OCTOBER -- 1918.

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49.	Particulars reference Honours and Rewards.
50.	Battalion Christmas Card.Xmas 1918.
51.	Receipt for Veterinary Stores on charge to 21st A.I.Bn.
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53.	C.O.'s Preliminary Report on Returns, etc.rendered.



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SECRET

## 6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE



Brigade Headquarters  
1st Oct., 1918.

21st Bn.  
22nd "  
23rd "  
24th "  
6th M.G. Coy.  
6th T.M. Bty.  
6th Fld. Amb.  
6th Fld. Coy. A.E.



Ref. Map 62.C. N.E. 1/20,000

1. Units will move as per Bde. Warning Order at 9 a.m. to-day.
2. Wherever possible dry weather tracks alongside the main roads will be used.
3. Route.- ROISEL thence via BLACK RD. *VILLERET*
4. Each unit will send billeting representatives forward at once to meet Staff Captain at Southern end of VILLERET as soon as possible.
5. All units concerned to be clear of HAMEL by 10 a.m.
6. Acknowledge.- *[Signature]*

Issued through Signals at 7.15 a.m.

Copies to.-  
2nd Aust. Divn.  
War Diary  
File  
G.O.C.  
Bde. Major  
Staff Captain

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

*Black Rd lead PE from  
Roisel through  
HERVILLE - HERBEAUMONT  
L15A78  
Villeret*



Prefix	Code	Words	Charge
Office of Origin and Service Instructions			
No.		Date	
At		By	
To		By	
Date		By	

This message is on a/c of:

Recd. at.....m.

Date.....

APPENDIX NO. II.

(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

By.....

TO: All Coy's

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

Detail Billington Party of  
1 WCO per Coy to report  
to Bn HQ at once urgent.  
Bn will move at 9 am.  
Order of March HQ B.A. & D Coy.  
Starting Point - Church House  
Route via HERVILLY to  
YILLERET

From 8-20 am  
Place  
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

Office of Origin and Service Instructions		Sent	Date
At		Service	From
To		By	
By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO: All Coy's & Hqs

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

1 NCO to report to  
Lieut Peck at B.O.R.  
at 8.30 AM is billington  
NCO.  
A.S.  
B.M.  
D.H.  
H.P.

From  
Place  
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

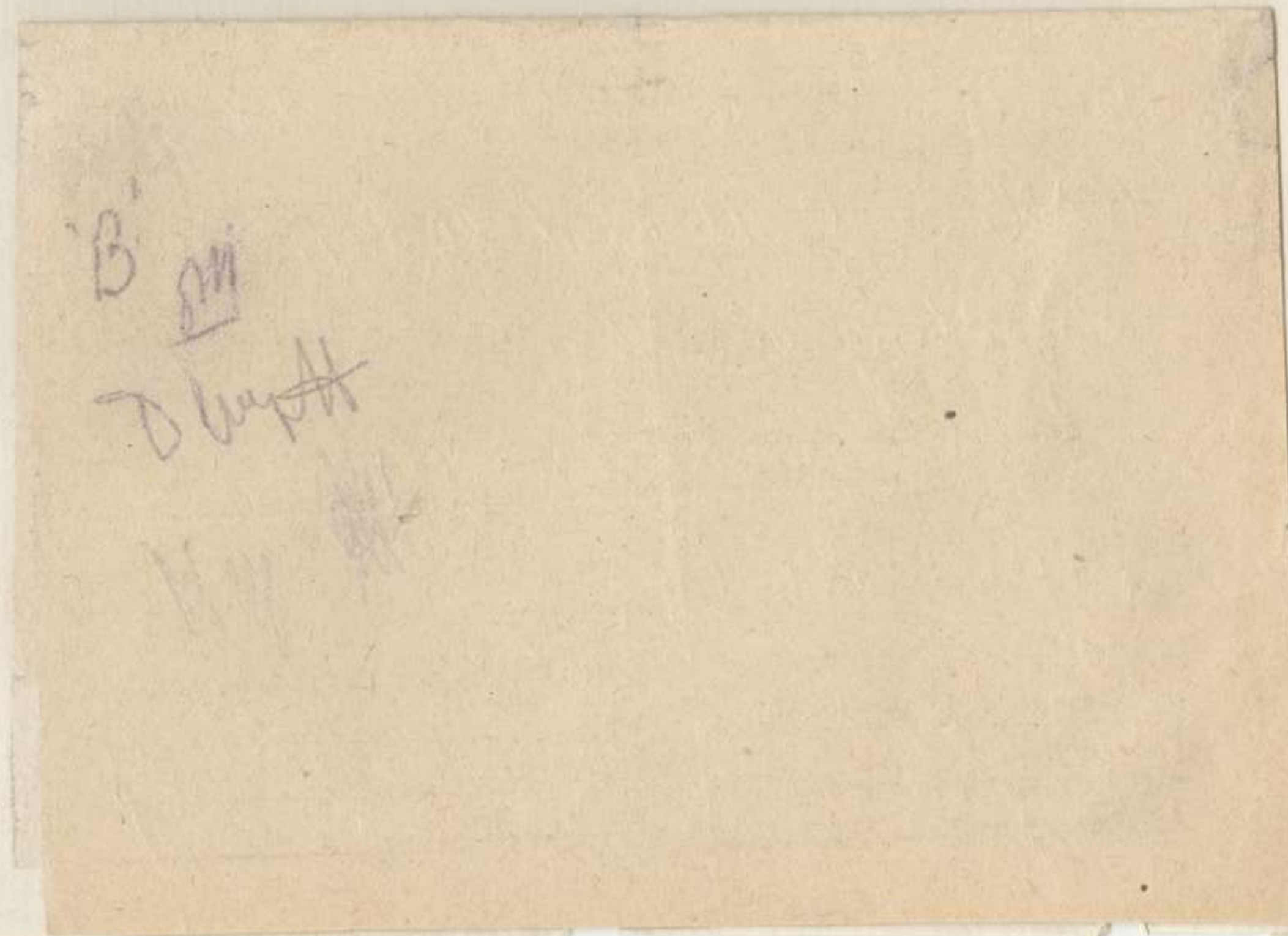
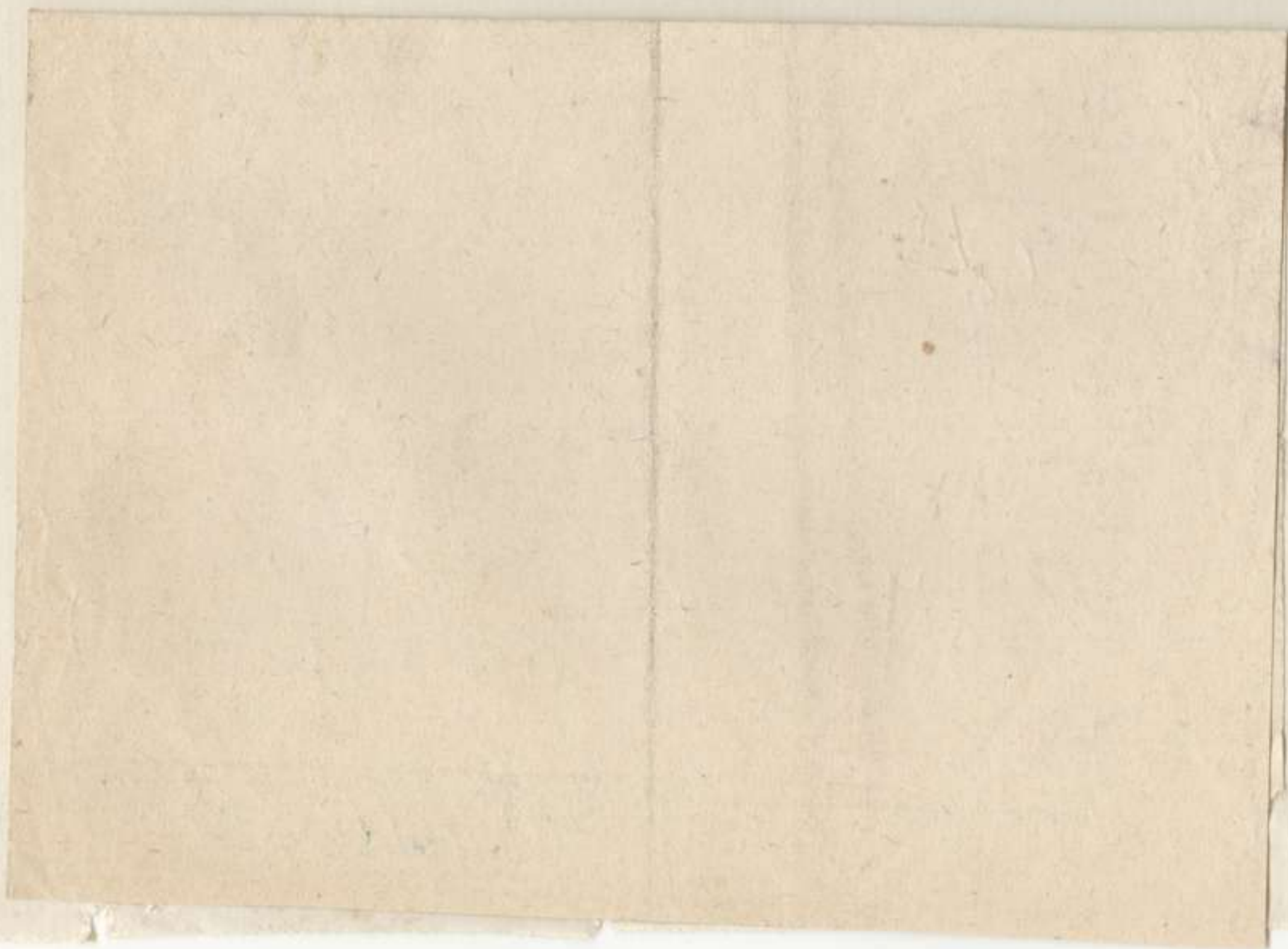
Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

\*This line, except AAA, should be erased if not required

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions		This message is on a/c of:		Recd. at.....m.
Sent		Service.		Date.....
At.....m.				From.....
To.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....
By.....				
TO { 6th A.I. Bde				
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.		AAA
* 46	1			
Battu. O.K. - HQ. at				
G17.6.92 pm Urgent				
messages can be sent to				
trans lines where a				
mounted orderly will				
bring them forward.				
there is practically no				
accommodation.				
21st Bn.				
From	Place	Time		
21st Bn.	9-30pm			
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)				
Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.				

# 6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRET

Brigade Headquarters  
30th Sept., 1918.

21st Bn.  
22nd "  
23rd "  
24th "  
6th T.M.Bty.  
6th M.G.Coy.  
6th Fld. Coy. Engrs.  
6th Fld. Ambulance.



Very little chance of a move forward tonight but move extremely probable tomorrow when we may have to take over line now held by 5th Aust. Divn. Everything depends on how a Counter attack by 5th Aust. Divn. gets on tonight. (Objective:- JONCOURT ESTREES - MINT COPSE - THE KNOB joining up with 13th Corps who now hold VENDHUILLE.

Major,  
Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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# 1st Unit's Role Group



Ref Map NIANCONAT 1/20000

1. No 5th AIBde is taking over the position now held by 6th AIBde during night 1/2 Oct.

Approx front line now -

Terconat - Estace - (both end) thence in a general N.W. direction

2. Units of 6th AIBde group will move at once to follg. areas:-

23rd to H13A where it can under orders of GOC 5th AIBde

22nd move to area by G24A & G23b

21st move to G18 C (branch by G19 b & d but exclusive of NAVROD)

24th move to main Hindenburg line

E of line a G16 d, G22 b, G17 c, & G13A

3. CO 20th will report GOC 5th AIBde at G11A b on route to new area & will later report location to his HQ to 5th AIBde

COs 21st & 22nd & 24th will report location new HQ to HQ 6th AIBde soon as possible 6th AIBde will remain at G18A.22 till morning of 2nd when new location will be advised

4. 6th AIBde - C Field Co, AF - 6th AIBde - C 7th AIBde will not move till morning of 2nd but will order to be moved (at

5. First line transport will move with units as far as CO's consider necessary - location of heavy transport to be reported to 1st HQ

6. ACKNOWLEDGE

Issued this signal at 6.15 PM

J. H. M. Cairns  
Major  
1st AIBde

C. J. O. S. L.  
W. A. D. M.  
J. L.

3/10/48



Prefix 00 Code 00 Words 2 ST WUFE 2 ST WUFE  
 Charges to Collect INF By BATTN hiv  
 Service Instructions WUFE No. 3/10/18  
 Handed in at Am m. Received 1:10 P m.

TO hiv APPENDIX NO. III.

* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
<u>F132</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>AAA</u>
<u>Following</u>	<u>from</u>	<u>hiv</u>	<u>Army</u>
<u>through</u>	<u>AUST</u>	<u>Corps</u>	<u>begins</u>
<u>AAA</u>	<u>controller</u>	<u>of</u>	<u>lines</u>
<u>states</u>	<u>electric</u>	<u>has plant</u>	<u>in</u>
<u>BELLING</u>	<u>LISE</u>	<u>tunnel</u>	<u>discovered</u>
<u>to</u>	<u>be</u>	<u>connected</u>	<u>with</u>
<u>mine</u>	<u>mine</u>	<u>blown</u>	<u>up</u>
<u>certain</u>	<u>wires</u>	<u>connected</u>	<u>up</u>
<u>with</u>	<u>electric</u>	<u>plant</u>	<u>AAA</u>
<u>German</u>	<u>engineers</u>	<u>ordered</u>	<u>to</u>
<u>drive</u>	<u>plant</u>	<u>confessed</u>	<u>this</u>
<u>and</u>	<u>mine</u>	<u>was</u>	<u>discovered</u>
<u>now</u>	<u>disconnected</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>all</u>
<u>safe</u>	<u>AAA</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>tunnels</u>
<u>possibly</u>	<u>mined</u>	<u>in</u>	<u>same</u>
<u>way</u>	<u>hence</u>	<u>if</u>	<u>lighted</u>
<u>by</u>	<u>electricity</u>	<u>electric</u>	<u>plant</u>

FROM WUFE  
 PLACE & TIME

Prefix 00 Code 00 Words 2 ST WUFE 2 ST WUFE  
 Charges to Collect INF By BATTN hiv  
 Service Instructions WUFE No. 3/10/18  
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TO hiv APPENDIX NO. III.

* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
<u>F132</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>AAA</u>
<u>should</u>	<u>not</u>	<u>be</u>	<u>set</u>
<u>in</u>	<u>motion</u>	<u>until</u>	<u>examined</u>
<u>and</u>	<u>passed</u>	<u>by</u>	<u>expert</u>
<u>AAA</u>	<u>hiv</u>	<u>AAA</u>	

FROM WUFE  
 PLACE & TIME

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Prefix <u>SM</u> Code <u>2716</u> Words _____	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
z s. d.	From <u>WUGF</u>	At _____ m	<u>LIV</u>
Charges to Collect	By <u>P. G. Powell</u>	To _____	<u>3.10.18</u>
Service Instructions	By _____		
Handed in at <u>WUGF</u> Office <u>7.4</u> m. Received <u>7.55</u> m			
TO <u>LIV</u>			
* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A
<u>F1</u>	<u>3</u>		
Report received 6mc of			
our tanks seen will			
past WAIN COURT also			
party of 10 men beyond			
WAIN COURT on left AAA			
Identification 112 145			
18 101 Regt. retaliation			
slight.			
FROM <u>Lasion Officer</u>			
PLACE & TIME <u>5th A1 Bat 0700</u>			

Prefix _____ Code _____ Words <u>2716</u>	From <u>WUGF</u>	At _____ m	<u>3/10/18</u>
Charges to Collect	By _____	To _____	
Service Instructions	By _____		
Handed in at <u>WUGF</u> Office <u>8.57</u> m. Received _____ m			
TO <u>LIV</u>			
* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A
<u>806</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>m</u>
<u>BEAUREVOIR</u>	<u>LINE</u>	<u>2mc</u>	<u>trouble</u>
<u>from</u>	<u>M.G. fire</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>troubles</u>
<u>heavy</u>	<u>M.G. fire</u>	<u>from</u>	<u>H3858</u>
<u>left</u>	<u>from</u>	<u>19th</u>	<u>captured</u>
<u>BEAUREVOIR</u>	<u>system</u>	<u>wounded</u>	<u>man</u>
<u>19th</u>	<u>states</u>	<u>20th</u>	<u>have</u>
<u>passed</u>	<u>through</u>	<u>them</u>	<u>making</u>
<u>for</u>	<u>final</u>	<u>objectives</u>	<u>with</u>
FROM	<u>WUGF (whiffet tanks)</u>		
PLACE & TIME	<u>troubles command back fort</u>		







Prefix <u>SM</u> Code <u>1020</u> Words <u>41</u>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
From <u>WUGF</u>	At <u>      </u> m		
By <u>Anthony</u>	To <u>      </u>		
Charges to Collect	By <u>      </u>		
Service Instructions			
Handed in at <u>WUGF</u>	Office <u>10:20</u> m.	Received <u>10:25</u> m	
TO <u>      </u>			
* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A
<u>BM 27</u>	<u>3rd</u>		
<u>32nd</u>	<u>Bn</u>	<u>hold</u>	<u>RAIM COURT</u>
<u>AAH</u>	<u>troops</u>	<u>behind</u>	<u>to hold</u>
<u>WIANCOURT</u>	<u>AAH</u>	<u>enemy</u>	<u>still</u>
<u>holding</u>	<u>out</u>	<u>in</u>	<u>buildings</u>
<u>B27 C</u>	<u>aaa</u>	<u>near</u>	<u>troops</u>
<u>hold</u>	<u>line</u>	<u>of</u>	<u>TORRENS</u>
<u>CANAL</u>	<u>nr B24</u>	<u>A and</u>	<u>B and</u>
<u>B20 B</u>			
FROM	<u>WUGF</u>		
PLACE & TIME	<u>18:45</u>		

Prefix <u>SM</u> Code <u>1010</u> Words <u>40</u>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
From <u>WUGF</u>	At <u>      </u> m		
By <u>Anthony</u>	To <u>      </u>		
Charges to Collect	By <u>      </u>		
Service Instructions			
Handed in at <u>WUGF</u>	Office <u>10:10</u> m.	Received <u>10:18</u> m	
TO <u>      </u>			
* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A
<u>BM 26</u>	<u>3rd</u>		
<u>Final</u>	<u>Cavalry</u>	<u>div</u>	<u>will</u>
<u>probably</u>	<u>cross</u>	<u>canal</u>	<u>at</u>
<u>9:16 AM</u>	<u>between</u>	<u>now</u>	<u>11:30 AM</u>
<u>today</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>move</u>	<u>on</u>
<u>to</u>	<u>ESTREES</u>	<u>Keep</u>	<u>all</u>
<u>roads</u>	<u>as</u>	<u>char</u>	<u>as</u>
<u>possible</u>	<u>for</u>	<u>them</u>	<u>up to 12 noon</u>
FROM	<u>WUGF</u>		
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Prefix <u>SM</u> Code <u>1520</u> Words <u>23</u>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect	From <u>WUG</u>	At <u>      </u> m	<u>LIV</u>
Service Instructions	By <u>      </u>	To <u>      </u>	<u>3/10/18</u>
By <u>      </u>		By <u>      </u>	
Handed in at <u>WUG</u> Office <u>1020</u> m. Received <u>1122</u> m			
TO <u>all Bns</u>			
* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A
<u>SC 153</u>	<u>3</u>		
<u>Run</u>	<u>will</u>	<u>be</u>	<u>issued</u>
<u>to</u>	<u>Q 175</u>	<u>AAA</u>	<u>solidified</u>
<u>alcohol</u>	<u>can</u>	<u>be</u>	<u>drawn</u>
<u>later</u>	<u>if</u>	<u>required</u>	
FROM <u>WUG</u>			
PLACE & TIME <u>1000</u>			

Prefix <u>SM</u> Code <u>1150</u> Words <u>52</u>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect	From <u>WUG</u>	At <u>      </u> m	<u>LIV</u>
Service Instructions	By <u>      </u>	To <u>      </u>	<u>3-10-18</u>
By <u>      </u>		By <u>      </u>	
Handed in at <u>WUG</u> Office <u>1150</u> m. Received <u>1150</u> m			
TO <u>LIV</u>			
* Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	A A A
<u>Bm 31</u>	<u>3rd</u>		
<u>5th AI</u>	<u>Bale</u>	<u>reports</u>	<u>1115 AAA</u>
<u>17th Bn</u>	<u>Kolal</u>	<u>wood</u>	<u>from</u>
<u>B28 A29</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>B28 A03</u>	<u>do</u>
<u>B29 A17</u>	<u>AAA</u>	<u>at night</u>	<u>ceremon</u>
<u>yet</u>	<u>we</u>	<u>Kolal</u>	<u>LA MOTTE</u>
<u>FARM</u>	<u>AAA</u>	<u>20th Bn</u>	<u>Kolal</u>
<u>TORRENS</u>	<u>CANAL</u>	<u>B20 B</u>	
<u>and</u>	<u>B21 A</u>	<u>AAA</u>	<u>enemy</u>
<u>Kolal</u>	<u>high</u>	<u>ground</u>	<u>strongly</u>
<u>in</u>	<u>B28</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>B30</u>
FROM <u>WUG</u>			
PLACE & TIME <u>1130</u>			

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Prefix <u>8B</u> Code <u>1138</u> Words _____	Received	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
z s. d.	From <u>WUEE</u>	At _____ m	<u>21 VI</u> <u>3 10 18</u>
Charges to Collect	By <u>WUEE</u>	To _____	
Service Instructions	By _____		

Handed in at WUEE Office 11 30 m. Received 11 50 m

TO

\* Sender's Number Day of Month. In reply to Number A A A

5th & 7th Bdeas have been  
ordered to exploit to  
line GENEVE Central  
T20B central PETITVERER  
FARM GUISAN COURT FARM  
AAA Dividing line between  
Brigade T20 Central T20C  
AAA Essential high ground  
in T30B and T22D  
Served to enemy observation  
777 Addressed all Bde

FROM

PLACE & TIME

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21st Batt will move at  
once to vicinity FARM B25C  
FARM B25C. 21st Batt will  
come under orders of GOC  
771 Bde. 21st Batt will get  
in touch with 7th Bde  
through Bde signal station  
at B25C 88 as soon as  
possible 777 22nd Batt will  
move forward at once to  
positions vacated by 2nd  
Bn in 8H13C AAA Hdgns  
to be established at H78C89  
777 22nd Batt on arrival in  
new area will come under  
orders of GOC 5th 71 Bde.

FROM

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# AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL



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<u>Bm43</u>	<u>3</u>			
<u>23rd and 22nd will attack</u> <u>under an arty barrage at 6am</u> <u>4th October and capture line</u> <u>from B30455 to CROSS ROADS</u> <u>inclusive at B18422 aca Inter</u> <u>Bn boundary east and west grid</u> <u>line between B18 and B24 23rd</u> <u>Bn will attack on right and</u> <u>22nd Bn on left. aca 7th British</u> <u>Inf Bde on left cooperating</u> <u>and will capture PONCHAUX</u> <u>and BEAUREVOIR aca details</u> <u>of arty support later aca</u> <u>all Bns to acknowledge aca</u> <u>addsd all Bns 6th &amp; 2nd Bde</u> <u>7th British Inf Bde and 2nd</u> <u>Aust Div</u>				
FROM	<u>6th &amp; 2nd Bde</u>			
PLACE & TIME	<u>2200</u>			



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It is expected that we will remain here tonight - Hot meal will be brought up at dusk - as the position is under observation all movement must be cut down to a minimum

From		
Place	4 - 15 pm	
Time		

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* H 10	3		

Have accommodation for all Hb. excepting HMC Sanitary Police & Regt Police - Can put up Lt Linn & 17 his runners.

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Place		
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## SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO.183

Ref. map Sheet WIANCOURT Edition 1.A. 1/20,000 4th Oct., 1918.

1. The 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. now under the command of G.O.C. 6th A.I. Bde. will during the night 4th/5th inst. relieve the 138th British Inf. Bde. at present holding line from our Southern post at B.30.a. 5.5. East of RAMICOURT to H.18.a.5.9.
2. 6th A.I.Bde. Southern Boundary will on completion of above relief run from H.17.central - H.18.a.5.9. - I.7.central to I.3.central.
3. 138th Inf. Bde. holds line at present as under.-  
Right Bn. .. 1st Monmouth Bn. with H.Q's at H.16.c.7.8.  
Left Bn. .. 4th Leicester Regt. with H.Q's at H.10.b.3.2.
4. All details of relief will be mutually arranged between C.O's concerned.
5. 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. will take over whole front with 4 Coys. in line and with H.Q's at H.10.b.3.2.
6. Completion of Relief will be notified to Bde. Hdqrs. by priority wire.
8. Bde. Hdqrs. will remain at present location.

A c k n o w l e d g e . - *VB*

Issued through Signals at..... *1630*

## Distribution.-

1. 2nd Pioneer Bn.
2. 21st Bn.
3. 22nd "
4. 23rd "
5. 24th "
6. 6th T.M.Bty.
7. 6th M.G.Coy.
8. 138th British Inf. Bde.
9. 2nd Aust. Divn.
10. 6th Fld. Coy. A.E.
11. 6th Fld. Ambulance
12. Right Group Arty.
13. Left " "
14. G.O.C.
15. Bde. Major
16. Staff Captain
17. War Diary
18. " "
19. " "
20. File
- 21.- 25. Spares.

*W. de L. Sal. Capt.*  
 Major,  
 Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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## SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

## APPENDIX 5

Brigade Headquarters  
3rd October, 1918.

## ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO No. 55

Ref. Map WIANCOURT 1/20,000 and 62.B. 1/40,000

1. AMMUNITION.-- The Brigade Mobile Echelon is located at G.16.a.central. All demands for ammunition will be sent direct to Bde. Hdqrs. and guides supplied. Battalions will also demand Stokes Mortar Ammunition for use of the guns attached to them.
2. WATER.-- (a) A water point consisting of three stand pipes, Dixie and Bottle Filler and 100 feet Horse Troughing has been opened at F.26.d.4.6.  
(b) Pump, tanks and sterilizing plant is now being installed at G.16.a.8.6.  
(c) At the Brigade Mobile Echelon a reserve of water is held.--  
1 Motor Water Lorry  
1 G.S. Water Cart  
1 G.S. Water Wagon  
(d) Wells as per 2nd Aust. Div. Admin. Memo. 13.
3. SUPPLIES.-- Railhead ROISEL  
Commencing 3rd inst. supplies will be sent by Light Railway to HARGICOURT and thence by A.A.S.C. Wagons to Q.M.Stores.
4. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS  
A.D.S. ... QUARRY G.16.d.6.0.  
M.D.S. ... TEMPLEUX LE GUERARD G.17.d.8.7.  
Main Loading Post G.17.d.8.7.  
Forward Loading Post G.18.d.5.3.  
" " " G.10.b.9.2.  
" " " G.12.a.7.4.  
Walking wounded overland or via WATLING STREET to A.D.S.  
Battalions will notify Bde. H.Q. of location of R.A.P's.
5. PRISONERS OF WAR All prisoners will be sent to Brigade H.Q. where they will be taken over by M.M.P. and escorted to P.O.W. Cage F.27.c.8.4. (Sheet 62.C.).

A c k n o w l e d g e .--

Distribution.--

1. 21st Bn.
2. 22nd "
3. 23rd "
4. 24th "
5. 6th T.M.Bty.
6. 6th M.G.Coy.
7. 6th Fld. Engrs.
8. 6th Fld. Amb.
9. 2nd Pioneer Bn.
10. G.O.C.
11. Bde. Major
12. Staff Captain
13. 2nd Aust. Divn.
14. 5th A.I.Bde.
15. 7th A.I.Bde.
16. 16th A.A.S.C.
17. Bde. Bomb. Offr.

*A.G. Brown*  
Captain,  
Staff Captain 8th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

18. Bde. Transport Offr.
19. " Sig. Officer
20. Q.M., 21st Bn.
21. " 22nd "
22. " 23rd "
23. " 24th "
24. " Bde. H.Q.



SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Divisional Headquarters.  
4th October 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS No. 15.

1. BURIALS.

A Military Cemetery has been opened at CARRIERE Sheet 62B.  
G.16.d.7.1.

2. MOBILE VET. SECTION.

Location as from 4 p.m. 4th inst. Sheet 62C. F.26.a.3.5.

3. ORDNANCE.

On withdrawal from the line Brigades will arrange to collect and return all battle stores to D.A.D.O.S.

4. BLANKETS.

Units will retain the one blanket to be distributed to the men on relief from the line. Surplus blankets may be returned to D.A.D.O.S.

5. TRENCH SHELTERS.

All trench shelters on hand will be returned to the Area Commandant, HERVILLY, when finished with and receipts obtained. Copy of receipt to be forwarded to D.H.Q.

6. AMMUNITION.

Full echelon will be carried.

Units will arrange to hand over to relieving Units the extra ammunition in Bandoliers, also the two bombs per man.

7. EQUIPMENT.

Units will as far as possible complete any shortages in equipment prior to moving from the Area.

8. WORKING PARTIES.

Details at present detached will be withdrawn prior to entrainment and will move with their Units.

9. PACKS AND SURPLUS KIT.

Will be collected from PERONNE and reissued to Units prior to entrainment. Packs and blankets will be carried on the man during the move to rest area.

10. WATER.

The reserve water vehicles attached to Brigades for use during operations will be returned to the Div. Bomb Dump, prior to Units leaving the forward area.

11. NUCLEUS AND REINFORCEMENTS.

All Nucleus and Reinforcements at the Div. Wing Reinforcement Camp will be sent forward by Light Railway from PERONNE on the morning of the 6th inst. and will rejoin their Units on arrival in the HERVILLY area.

*J. Macdonald*  
Lieut-Colonel.  
A.A. & Q.M.G.

Second Australian Division.



SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters .  
2nd October 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS NO. 121. DIVISIONAL TRAIN.

Train Companies are located as follows :-

15th A.A.S.C.	Sheet 62C.	K.17.a.7.2.
16th "	"	K.17.b.3.8.
17th "	"	L.7.a.7.5.
20th "	"	J.22.c.9.2.
Headquarters	"	K.17.a.0.4.

2. SUPPLIES.

Railhead - ROISEL.

From ROISEL to HARGICOURT commencing 3rd inst., supplies will be sent forward by Light Railway and from there to Q.M. Stores by H.T.

3. DIV. BOMB DUMP AND S.A.A. SECTION, 2ND D.A.C.

Located VILLERET. Sheet 62C. L.11.c.central.

4. MOBILE VETERINARY SECTION.

Moves to ROISEL on 2nd inst. Map Location Sheet 62C. R.16.b.9.1

5. D.A.D.O.S.

Moves to HARGICOURT, 2nd inst. Map Location later.

*Robert H. ...*  
Lieut-Colonel.  
A.A.S.C.  
Second Australian Division.



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## SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Force  
2nd. October, 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS NO. 13.1. WATER.

A Water Point consisting of three standpipes, Dixie and Bottle Filler and 100 feet of Horse Troughing has been opened at F.26.d.4.6. The following wells have been tested :-

Location	Test Result	How drawn.	Location	Test Result	How Drawn
G. 4.c.5.2.	2 Scoops	Windlass	G.10.a.1.9.	1 Scoop	Windlass
G.10.a.3.9.	2 "	"	G.10.a.2.4.	2 "	"
G.11.d.4.3.	2 "	"	G.17.b.6.5.	1 "	"
G.16.a.8.6.	1 "	"	G.18.d.8.2.	2 "	"
(Canal)			G.10.a.1.7.	1 "	"
G.10.a.5.8.	2 "	"	G.10.a.9.6.	1 "	"
G.17.b.4.8.	Pure	"	G.17.b.6.6.	Pure	"
G.11.d.8.1.	1 Scoop	"	G.11.d.7.4.	1 Scoop	"
G.12.b.2.6.	1 "	Bucket	G.16.b.0.7.	1 "	Bucket
G.10.a.7.8.	Not Tested		G.16.d.4.4.	- Temp.	Windlass
G.22.b.5.5.	1 Scoop	Windlass	G.22.b.9.5.	1 Scoop	Windlass
L.11.d.9.6.	2 "	"	L.23.a.4.3.	1 "	"
G.10.c.7.7.	1 "	3 Tanks	K.16.d.4.3.	washing only	No Windlass
K.16.d.1.3.	Washing only	No windlass	K.16.d.3.8.	"	"
K.16.a.7.4.	"	"	L. 2.b.6.8.	Drinking	Pump
L. 2.b.6.6.	Drinking	Windlass			(good order)

Australian Corps advise that the 238th. A.T.Coy. commenced work on the 2nd. instant erecting pump and tanks and installing sterilizing lorries at G.16.a.8.6.

Instructions have been issued for one Garford Water Lorry (135 Gallon) to report to 5th. A.I.Brigade and one lorry to 7th. A.I.Brigade.

2. RUM.

An issue of Rum has been authorised for the 3rd. instant.

3. SOLIDIFIED ALCOHOL.

Solidified Alcohol is being drawn for issue as required.

4. SALVAGE.

The 2nd. Australian Divisional Salvage Company have established a subsidiary dump at ROISEL Sheet 620 E.16.a.5.1.

*Imasman*  
Lieut-Colonel,  
A. A. 2. 1. 1. C.



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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
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Divisional Headquarters.  
3rd October 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS No. 14.

1. MOBILE VETERINARY SECTION.

Corrected location - K.16.b.9.1.

2. BURIALS OFFICER.

Sheet 62B. - G.12.d.1.0.

3. DIVISIONAL CANTEEN.

Located Sheet 62C. L.3.d.2.7.

4. D.A.D.O.S.

Located Sheet 62C. L.3.a.1.1.

5. WATER.

An additional 3 GARFORD Motor Water Lorries are available and will be detailed one lorry to each Brigade, to report 9 a.m. 4th inst.

Water Point at G.16.a.8.6. will be available for refilling Water Carts a.m. on the 4th inst.

Horse Watering Points are also being installed at this location.

A supply of filled petrol tins are held available at the Divisional Bomb Dump and may be had on application.

A good well with pump attached exists in Hindenburg St., JONCOURT. One scoop per cart.

6. SUPPLIES.

Remain unaltered.

Train Headquarters

15th Coy A.A.S.C.

16th Coy "

17th Coy "

20th Coy "

K.10.central.

L.11.a.6.5. and R.P.

L.5.a.0.2. and R.P.

L.4.c.2.4. R.P. L.4.d.7.3.

L.4.c.3 .3. R.P. L.4.d.0.3.

*Jmasman*

Lieut-Colonel.

A.A. & G.M.G.

Second Australian Division.



21st AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTN.	
No.....	
Date.....	

APPENDIX 6

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## SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 184

Ref. Map WIANCOURT 1/20,000

4th October, 1918.

1. At 06.05 5th October 6th A.I.Bde. will attack and capture the Village of MONTBREHAIN.
2. The attack will be carried out by the 21st Bn. on the Right, 24th Bn. on the left and 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. will form a defensive flank South of the Village facing South East.
3. General objective line will run:- H.18.a.5.9. - I.7.central - I.2.d.0.0. - I.2.a.5.2. - C.25.d.9.9. - C.25.a.3.6. - B.30.a.9.9.
4. (a) 21st Bn. and 24th Bn. will advance under an Artillery Barrage, mop up the Village of MONTBREHAIN and consolidate on the general line I.2.d.0.0. - I.2.a.5.2. - C.25.d.9.9. - C.25.a.3.6. - B.30.a.9.9.  
(b) 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. will be withdrawn behind the 21st and 24th Bns. at Zero minus 15 minutes and will follow these Bns. as they move forward and gradually establish a defensive flank facing S.E. on general line H.18.a.5.9. - I.7.central - I.2.d.0.0.
5. Boundaries.-  
Southern.- H.18.a.5.9. - I.7.central - I.2.d.0.0. - I.3.central.  
Inter Bn. Bdy. H.6.c.4.3. - H.6.d.8.7. thence along main road through Village up to C.25.d.6.8. Main Road inclusive to 21st Bn.  
Northern Bdy.- B.29.b.6.0. - B.30.a.5.4.
6. (a) Jumping-Off Tape will be laid by 4 a.m. 5th October by 6th Field Coy. A.E. from H.12.central to H.5.b.0.6.  
(b) 21st and 24th Bns. will be on this line at Zero minus 30 minutes.
7. (a) 18 pdr. BARRAGE START LINE will be 300 yards East of J.O.T. Barrage will rest on this line from Zero to Zero plus 4 minutes and will then creep forward at the rate of 100 yards every 4 minutes till it reaches the final protective barrage line, about 500 yards east of the Infantry final objective line, on which it will rest for 60 minutes gradually easing off.  
(b) Heavy Artillery will bombard the Village from Zero onwards keeping always 600 yards east of the advancing Infantry and will then lift on to selected targets on the high ground South, East and North of MONTBREHAIN.  
(c) A certain percentage of smoke shell will be employed in the Barrage West of the Village and on the FINAL PROTECTIVE BARRAGE LINE.
8. For the operation 4 TANKS will be attached to each of 21st and 24th Bns. to assist in Mopping-up the Village. If possible 4 Tanks will be attached to 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. These tanks will be automatically released by C.O's at Zero plus 1 hour unless there are any enemy points in the village near the objective line still holding out. Tank Commanders will arrange details re employment of Tanks direct with C.O's concerned.

P. T. O.



# APPENDIX 6

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9. (a) 2 Vickers M.Guns (6th A.M.G.Coy.) will be attached to each 21st, 24th and 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bns. to work directly under the orders of C.O's concerned.  
(b) The remaining 10 Guns of 6th A.M.G.Coy. will be concentrated in H.4.c. during night 4th/5th October and will be held in Bde. Reserve.
10. Instructions re evacuation of Prisoners, Medical arrangements and other Administrative details will be issued separately.
11. Hdqrs. 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn., 21st Bn. and 24th Bn. will be established at H.10.b.3.2. during night 4th/5th October. Telephonic communication will be established between these H.Q. and Bde. H.Q. by Brigade Sig. Officer during afternoon of 4th October. Bde. H.Q. will remain in NAUROY as at present.
12. 18th and 27th Bns. have been placed under the orders of G.O.C. 6th A.I.Bde. to be employed if necessary to maintain our new line in the event of hostile counter attacks. 18th Bn. will be concentrated in TRENCH SYSTEM in H.10.b. and 27th Bn. in B.28.a.&c. by Zero hour. C.O's will report location of Hdqrs. to 6th A.I.Bde. as early as possible.
13. Contact planes will fly over objectives at 07.30 and again at 08.30, 5th October. Painted flaps of S.B.R's will be shown and ground flares will be lit by the troops holding objective line when these planes sound their KLAXON HORNS.
14. The L.T.Mortar attached to each 21st and 24th Bns. will be employed under the orders of Bn. Commanders. The remaining Mortars of 6th A.L.T.M.Bty. will remain in present location.
15. Watches have been synchronized.
16. A c k n o w l e d g e .-

Issued through Signals at.....  
Distribution.-

Issued to.-

1. 21st Bn.

2. 22nd "

3. 23rd "

4. 24th "

5. 6th A.L.T.M.Bty.

6. 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.

7. 18th Bn.

8. 27th "

9. 138th British Inf. Bde.

10. Copies to.-

10. 2nd Aust. Divn. "G"

11. " " " "Q"

12. 5th A.I.Bde.

13. 6th A.I.Bde.

14. 7th British Inf. Bde.

15. C.R.A.

16. C.R.E.

17. 6th Fld. Coy. A.E.

18. 6th A.M.G.Coy.

19. 5th " " "

20. 22nd M.G.Coy.

21. Right Group Artillery

22. 6th Fld. Ambulance

23. G.O.C.

24. Bde. Major

25. Staff Captain

26. Bde. Sig. Offr.

27. " Transport Offr.

28. " Bomb Officer

29. " Intel. Offr.

30. 32. War Diary

33. File

33. - 36. Spares.

Major,

Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.



## SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters  
4th October, 1918.

## ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO No. 56

Ref. Map WIANCOURT 1/20,000 and 62.B. 1/40,000

1. WATER.

(a) In addition to reserve of water already held at Brigade Mobile Echelon 200 filled Petrol Tins are held - Q.M.'s can draw on this supply if required.

(b) The Sterilizing Plant at G.16.a.8.6. is now complete.

(c) Units Water Carts can fill at Mobile Echelon from Water Lorries.

2. MEDICAL. - A Forward Motor Loading Post is now established at B.21.b.1.1. Additional stretchers can be demanded from this location or through Brigade Hdqrs.3. PRISONERS OF WAR.

The following posts will be manned by Light Horse where prisoners will be taken over from Battalion escorts.

Road Junction JONCOURT .. H.9.b.4.1.

" " .. H.9.c.6.2.

thence to Collecting Post at Road Junction H.7.b.1.9. where they will be escorted to Brigade Hdqrs. NAUROY.

4. BURIALS. Military Cemeteries are sited as follows.

B.26.c.0.1.

G.16.d.7.1.

A c k n o w l e d g e . - VB

Distribution.

1. 21st Bn.
2. 22nd "
3. 23rd "
4. 24th "
5. 6th T.M.Bty.
6. 6th M.G.Coy.
7. 6th Fld. Engrs.
8. 6th Fld. Amb.
9. 2nd Pioneer Bn.
10. G.O.C.
11. Bde. Major
12. Staff Captain
13. 2nd Aust. Divn.
14. 5th A.I.Bde.
15. 7th A.I.Bde.
16. 16th A.A.S.C.
17. Bde. Bomb. Offr.
18. " Transport Offr.
19. " Sig. Offr.

*Al Brown*  
Captain,  
Staff Captain 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

20. Q.M., 21st Bn.
21. " 22nd "
22. " 23rd "
23. " 24th "
24. " Bde. H.Q.
25. War Diary
26. " "
27. " "
28. File
29. - 32. Spares.



## Battalion Order No 171

Ref Map

WAINCOURT 1/20000

21st  
AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BATTN.

4/10/18.

1. The 6<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde. assisted by 2<sup>nd</sup> Pioneer Bn. & Tanks are to capture the village of MONTBREHAIN. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. will attack on Rt. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Pioneer Bn. take over the present front line from 138<sup>a</sup> Int. Bde on night 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>.
2. Boundaries. Battle Boundaries are South from H17 Cent. - H18 a 59 - I 7 Cent. to I 3 Cent. North the RAMCOURT - MONTBREHAIN Rd to C25 b 06 Inter Coy Bdy. from H12 a Cent. - I1 d 67 - I2 d 04
3. A Coy plus 1 Pltn D Coy will attack on Right B. plus 1 Pltn D Coy will attack on Left. D. (less 2 Pltns) remain in support in present front line. Road marking Inter Coy Bdy. inclusive to A Coy.
4. Pioneer Bn as soon as possible establish a flank facing S.E.

2

5 Tanks 4 Tanks will be attached to Bn and will cross J.O.T at Zero.

Nº1 Tank will move up Bn left boundary to I1 b3.2 thence by road to I1 b4.3 then North Easterly forward of village

Nº2 Tank To road junction at H6 c195.20 thence to I1 d56 then by NE Road to I2 a9.4.

Nº3 Tank along Southern edge of Railway line to I2 central.

Nº4 Tank In rear of & about 100' South of Nº3 Tank.

Tanks will return at Zero + 1 hr to assembly position but are available to mop up any enemy post still in action at that time.

- 6 Artillery 4 minutes on start line 300 yds in front of J.O.T then 100' per 4 minutes, forming protective barrage for ½ hour & reduced rate for another ½ hour 300 yds in advance of objective. A smoke screen will be fired at the opening of Barrage.



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7 Lieut E.B. Mason MC will report to OC B Coy  
2nd Pioneer Bn at Zero - 30 minutes as  
liaison.

8 2 Vickers guns will move with 2nd wave of  
A Coy & will be at the disposal of OC A Coy.

9 1 Stokes Mortar Gun will remain in old front  
line with D Coy. Lieut Tims will be with  
the gun.

10 2nd Pioneer Bn will take over present front  
line on the night 4/5th Oct from present  
garrison they will vacate the present front  
line at Zero - 15 minutes & form up behind  
21st & 24th Bns on J.O.T.

11 J.O.T will be laid by Bn I.O. with the  
assistance of 6th Field Coy A.E.  
Lieut A Peck & 2 Guides per Coy will meet  
an Officer of Engineers at junction of  
Trench & road at H 10 10.8.

12 Guides 1 per Coy to remain on J.O.T  
1 per Coy to meet Coy at SWISS  
COTTAGE at 0230.

1 Guide per Coy & 1 for H.Q. will  
go forward with Lieut Horsburgh & reconnoitre  
route to Assembly area in trench systems

4  
in H 10 1 & return to Coys before Coys  
move from present position.

13 Bn Hqrs at H 10 01.3.

14 Forward Report Centre at Station H 6 C 4.5  
P.O.W. via Report Centre to Bn Hqrs.

15 R.A.P. in vicinity of Bn Hqrs at Zero &  
later to vicinity of Bn Report Centre

16 Dress fighting Order, Greatcoat rolled  
on Waist Belt. Extra Water Bottle &  
4 Bombs per man.

17 Ground Flares, S.O.S & Success signals  
to be issued to Coys.

18 Units to be ready to move at 3 am  
from present position.

19 Zero hour will be 6.5 am 5-10-18

### ACKNOWLEDGE.

### Distribution

1-2 W.D	8	24th Bn
3 File	9	Pioneers
4-6 Coys	10	C.O.
7 Bn		

*[Signature]*  
Lieut & Adj  
21st Bn.



Prefix SB Code 1045 Words 80  
 Received WUGF Sent, or sent out 21st Office Stamp.  
 From WUGF At AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTN VI  
 By AWH To No.  
 Service Instructions PRIORITY By Date  
 Handed in at WUGF Office 9:35 m. Receive 12:7 p. m.

TO LIVI APPENDIX NO.VIII.  
 \*Sender's Number B1754 Day of Month 4 In reply to Number AAA

You will probably be required to take over night 4/8 October the front now held by 138 Inf Bde on our right LIPD going in line left LIVI going in line right AAA. Also probable that on morning 5<sup>th</sup> not we will be required to capture MONT BREHAIN line held by 138 Bde and Bn HQ not yet known but we are sending an officer to find out AAA. Ask AAA Addressed LIVI + LIPD

FROM WUGF  
 PLACE & TIME 10:35 AM

Words 1/3 Received WUGF Sent, or sent out LIVI Office Stamp 4/10/18  
 From WUGF At 9:35 m. Receive 12:7 p. m.  
 By AWH To By  
 Charges to collect WUGF Service Instructions all Bns

TO all Bns  
 \*Sender's Number F670 Day of Month 4 In reply to Number AAA

Then captured near Beaumont states antitank mines being laid by means of small holes dug in ground and small boxes of explosives placed in them covered with artificial grass holes already dug in B13 B03 R13 B35 but boxes not employed.

FROM WUGF  
 PLACE & TIME

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Prefix <u>STH</u> Co. le. <u>1930</u> Words.....		Received		Sent, or sent out		Office Stamp.	
		From <u>WUGE</u>		At.....m.			
Charges to collect		By <u>Benny</u>		To.....			
Service Instructions				By.....			
Handed in at <u>WUGE</u>		Office		m.		Receive.....m.	
TO		<u>LIVI</u>					
*Sender's Number		Day of Month		In reply to Number		A A A	
<u>Bm 60</u>		<u>4</u>					
<u>Your</u>	<u>Hqrs</u>	<u>will</u>	<u>be</u>	<u>at</u>			
<u>H10A13</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>not</u>	<u>H10D32</u>	<u>AA</u>			
<u>New</u>	<u>place</u>	<u>has</u>	<u>good</u>	<u>deep</u>			
<u>digout</u>	<u>addressed</u>	<u>all</u>	<u>bus.</u>				
<u>concerned</u>							
FROM		<u>WUGE 1930</u>					
PLACE & TIME							





Code <i>2220</i>	Words <i>40</i>	Charge	This message is on a/c of: <i>2220</i>
Office of Origin and Service Instructions		Sent	Recd. at.....m.
		At.....m.	Date <i>4/10/18</i>
		To	From <i>WAGE</i>
		By	By <i>RH</i>

TO *La Basse*

Sender's Number *GH128* Day of Month *4/10/18* In reply to Number *AAA*

Following from *GHA*  
 Our line now runs 2 miles  
 east of LABASSE east  
 of FOURNES 2 miles east  
 of Armentières east of  
 Lens. *AA11* on 1/10/18  
 fort MOORE has been  
 captured *WJ*

From *La Basse*  
 Place *1515*  
 Time *1515*

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)  
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name

\* This line should be erased if not required.  
 Order No. 1025. Wt. W3253/ P 511. 27/2. H. & K., Ltd. (E. 2634)

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions		Sent	Service.	Date.....
		At.....m.	From.....	
		To	By.....	
		By	(Signature of "Franking Officer")	By.....

TO *La Basse*

Sender's Number. Day of Month *4/10/18* In reply to Number. *AAA*

*B7a7.5 B7a6.9 B7a3.9*  
*B7a7.0 B7a3.3 B7a2.6*  
*B7a5.6 B7a3.9 B7a5.8*  
*B7c2.0 B7a5.8 B7a5.7*  
*B7a4.9 along road B7a4.6*  
*B7c7.5 B7c2.9 B7b5.3 B7a4.9*  
*rifle fire from PONTCHATEAU M.G.*  
*fire T554 B7a4.6*

From *La Basse*  
 Place *1515*  
 Time *1515*

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		At.....m.			
		To.....		From.....	
		By.....			
		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....	

TO { *V.C. B. Coz*

Sender's Number. * <i>H12</i>	Day of Month. <i>4</i>	In reply to Number.	<b>AAA</b>
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*Morning meal will be brought to Lankas on main road where you turned off into the track at about 14 hrs. Please arrange to have them met. Suggest you send 2 men to wait for them one of which will go back & send word saying*

From <i>Party</i>		
Place		
Time		

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions					
		Sent		Service.	Date.....
		At.....m.			
		To.....		From.....	
		By.....			
		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....	

TO { *WUGE*

Sender's Number. * <i>H13</i>	Day of Month. <i>4</i>	In reply to Number.	<b>AAA</b>
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*H.Q. now at Bapusa  
H1111 Situation quiet*

From <i>L111</i>		
Place <i>B-10 am.</i>		
Time		

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TO O.C., B. COY.

Sender's Number A.12.  
Day of Month 4.

Morning meal will be brought to Tanks on main road where you turned off into this trench at about 4 a.m. - Please arrange to have them met. - Suggest you send 2 men to wait for them, one of which will go back & guide your carrying party.

(Sgd.) J.L. WATT. Lt. & Adjt.

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TO WUGE.

Sender's Number A.13.  
Day of Month 4.

H.Q. now at B.27.a.8.4. AAA Situation quiet.

FROM LIVI.  
PLACE 3.10 a.m.

(Sgd.) J.L. WATT. Lt. & Adjt.



## APPENDIX NO. IX.

Going O.K.

No. Opposition

village.

Have mopped up most  
of H. Coy's position  
of village.Artillery firing  
short.

Right flank O.K.

W. Conacher.

7-10 am

7-40

am

1044 Handreich

ocd Coy

(H) Coy

21st  
AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BATTN.

No.

Date.



Getting MG fire from  
Doom Mill

which is holding  
us up at C 2. c. Cent.

Looking up with flanks.  
Pioneers are too far  
out to the right.  
are trying to cut flank MG  
from left. W. Connors. Lt

8 am.

D. Coy

To July 21 at Blin

We are now in Lunken Rd  
at H 6 c 1.6 to H 6 c 5.4

Waves in front have gone  
forward & some pioneers  
have come through,

Casualties 5 for Cent.

Recd.  
7-30

1-650

W. Hardwick Lt  
O. C. D. Coy



Posto on left  
have withdrawn  
Hun said to be  
in village  
Going to hold on  
till supported.  
McCannoch

To Lt Hardwick.

Having sticky time  
send us a Platoon  
to come up on  
Regt

McCannoch



the are getting Heavy  
Shell fire from  
behind Doon Mill

Right flank being  
forced to fall back  
slightly.

At McCulloch's Pt.

To H. P. 11-30 am  
Our Artillery is  
firing on our  
positions.

We want artillery fire  
on Beacon Point &  
Doon Mill (~~just~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~place~~)

In rear of each place.  
We are almost on the  
line of our Objective &  
don't want any fire this  
side of the objective  
AM McCulloch



To C.O.

Things are in a very bad way on H. Coy's sector. We are being shelled point blank from all sides. The Right flank is in the air. Attached will give approx. positions.

N.B. The Rectangles show approx. the position of our men  
McAnnick.

To Adj 21st Bn

Present Situation

I am in Sunken Rd at H 6c 7.0  
to H 6c 5.4

My present strength is as follows

Infantry	9
14 & 16 Platoon	32
Total 20ff	41 OR

Casualties accounted for

1 killed  
11 Wounded  
1 Missing

Wyn (2) ~~Handwritten~~ H  
O.C. Coy  
0740



To H. 9  
Our Artillery are  
firing on I.C. 6.8.  
I want to establish a  
post there. Will you  
get the Artillery to lift  
a couple of hundred.  
Have re-established Posts  
on right in touch with  
Pioneers.

W. M. Cammochie Lt.





from f.w. P. Le Camp ST.  
 200 Boscage near Ashman  
 from VAUX-LE-PRÉTRE towards  
 the Killings of MONTBÉREHAM.  
 Has now disappeared in  
 Gully  
 f.w. P. Le Camp

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By				(Signature of "Franking Officer")	By
TO		20 <sup>th</sup> Bn C/O Pwr Bn			
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.	In reply to Number.		AAA
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20 <sup>th</sup> Bn		is placed		at the disposal of	
6 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde		AAA		9 <sup>th</sup>	
will move		from		present	
position at		10:30 AM		this	
morning to		trenches in			
H10 B4D		AAA		On arrival	
there CO		will		report	
to HQ 2 <sup>nd</sup> .		Pwr Bn			
at 810A13		AAA		This	
confirms phone message		AAA		repeated	
addressed 20 <sup>th</sup> Bn					
6 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde					
From					
Place					
Time					
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21st  
AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BATTN.

APPENDIX  
SECRET

COPY No. 1

SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 185

Ref: Map Sheet WIANCOURT Edition 1.A. 1/20,000 5th Oct., 1918.

1. The 6th A.I.Bde. Group will be relieved in the line on the night of the 5th/6th inst. by the 59th American Brigade of the 30th American Division in accordance with the attached table.
2. All details of Relief not covered by this order will be mutually arranged between C.O's concerned.
3. The boundary between the 118th and 117th Inf. Regiments will be a line from B.30.c.7.9. through Centre of WIANCOURT to present Bde. H.Q's at G.17.b.5.6.
4. All marked maps, S.O.S. Rockets, Trench stores etc. will be carefully handed over to incoming units.
5. Command of the Sector will pass to the G.O.C. 59th American Brigade on completion of relief.
6. Completion of Relief will be wired by priority wire to Bde. Hdqrs.

A c k n o w l e d g e .-

Issued through Signals at 19.00

Distribution.-

1. 21st Bn.
2. 22nd "
3. 23rd "
4. 24th "
5. 6th T.M.Bty.
6. 6th M.G.Coy.
7. 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.
8. 27th Battalion
9. 28th "
10. 6th Fld. Coy. A.E.
11. 6th Fld. Amb.
12. 2nd Aust. Divn.
13. 2nd M.G.Bn.
14. 30th American Divn.
15. 117 Inf. Regt.
16. 118th Inf. Bde. Regt.
17. 5th M.G.Coy.
18. 7th " "
19. 22nd " "
20. Right Flank Brigade
21. Left " "
22. Right Group Artillery
23. Left " "
24. 114th American M.G.Bn.
25. G.O.C.
26. Bde. Major
27. Staff Captain
28. Bde. Bomb Offr.
29. " Transport Offr.
- 30.- 32. War Diary
33. File
34. - 37. Spares.

*Edmund S. Sale*  
Major,  
Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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RELIEF TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 6th A. I. BDE. ORDER No. 185

Date	Unit.-	Location.-	To be relieved by.-	With H.Q's at.-	
Night 5th/6th	2nd Pioneer Bn.	Defensive Flank	Portion of 3rd Bn. 118th Inf. Regt.	H.10.a.2.3.	Trenches in G.23.a. & G.22.b. East of Canal.
-do-	21st Battalion	Line Right	Portion of 2nd & 3rd Bns. 118th Inf. Regt.	-do-	Trench in G.18.c. and H.17.b.
-do-	24th Battalion	Line Right Centre	Portion of 3rd Bn. 118th Inf. Regt.	-do-	Trenches in G.16.b. & d. East of Canal.
-do-	23rd Battalion	Line Left Centre	Portion of 3rd Bn. 117th Inf. Regt.	H.9.b.4.6.	Trenches in H.13.a. & c.
-do-	22nd Battalion	Line Left.	Portion of 3rd Bn. 117th Inf. Regt.	B.27.c.7.4.	Trenches G.24.a. and H.23.b.
-do-	18th Battalion				Trenches in H.14.a.
-do-	27th Battalion				Report to 7th A.I.Bde. H.Q. at L.10.a.5.5.
-do-	28th Battalion	Support Left			-do- -do-
-do-	6th M.G.Coy. plus 4 Guns 7th M.G. Coy. 5th M.G.Coy. & 4 Guns 22nd M.G. Coy. 4 Guns 22nd M.G. Coy. 22nd M.G.Bn. and Coy. H.Q's Reserve		"B" Coy. 114th M.G.Bn. "C" Coy. 114th M.G.Bn. "D" Coy. 114th M.G.Bn. "A" Coy. 114th M.G.Bn.		G.16.b.4.4.  To present rear H.Q's  To present Rear H.Q's.  To present Rear H.Q's  To present Rear H.Q's

NOTE:- Sections of 6th A.L.T.M.Bty. will move out with units to whom they are at present attached and concentrate at location of present Battery H.Q's.

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## APPENDIX 10

## A P P E N D I X

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To accompany 6th A.I.Bde. Order No.185

1. The 30th American Division is holding the line with two Regiments disposed as under.

LINE RIGHT 118th Inf. Regt. with the 3rd Bn. on the Right and 2nd Bn. on the Left and 1st Bn. in Support in trenches in H..a.b.&.d.

LINE LEFT 117th Inf. Regt. with the 3rd Bn. in the Front Line, 2nd Bn. in Support in Valley B.21.d. and B.28.a. The 1st Bn. will be in Reserve in trenches astride Main Road in B.27.a. and c.

H.Q's 59th American Inf. Bde. H.Q's is to be at present location of 6th A.I.Bde. H.Q's G.17.b.5.6.

118th Inf. Regt. H.10.a.2.3.  
 117th " " B.27.c.5.6.

M.G.Bn. 114th M.G.Bn. less guns in forward area will be located in trenches H.3.b. and H.4.c.

One Battalion Commander from each 5th, 6th and 7th A.I.Bdes. is being attached to 118th Inf. Regt. for a few days.

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SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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S E C

Brigade Headquarters  
5th October, 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO No.57

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Attention is drawn to 2nd Aust. Divn. Administrative Instruction No.15 of 4th instant.

1. SUPPLIES. Supplies on 6th instant will be delivered by Supply Wagons to units in HERVILLY Area.  
Q.M's or representatives will attend refilling point at 10 a.m. at K.17.b.3.6.
2. MOBILE ECHELON Full echelon will be carried. Limbers will be returned to units on the morning of 6th instant.
3. PACKS & SURPLUS KIT. Will be collected and issued to units tomorrow. Any surplus blankets owing to casualties can be returned to D.A.D.O.S.  
Packs and blankets will be carried on the man during the move to rest area.
4. BILLETING PARTIES. Billeting parties under an Officer from each unit carrying 62.C. Maps will meet Staff Captain at new Brigade H.Q's. L.21.a.3.0. (HARGICOURT - JEANCOURT Road) at 11 a.m., 6th instant

A c k n o w l e d g e .-

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Distribution as  
per Admin. Memo.  
No.56.

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*AG Brown*

Captain,  
Staff Captain 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.



# MEMORANDUM.

From

To

Date

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Reliefs will be done by areas as per map.

One officer to be responsible for each area.

Each area to provide 5 guides to report to Swiss Cottage at 7 p.m.

Extra S.A.A. & bombs, stores etc to be handed over & receipts to be obtained & sent to Staff Capt by noon 6<sup>th</sup> inst.

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At.....m.					By.....
To.....					

TO	24	24	24
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Sender's Number.....	Day of Month.....	In reply to Number.....	AAA
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Please leave 1 N.C.O. per Coy. in line tonight with American Battalion A.A.A.

These N.C.O.s will come out evening of 6<sup>th</sup> inst & concentrate at 6<sup>th</sup> A.I. Sec H.Q.

C 17 B 3.6 N 190204 at 9 p.m.

6<sup>th</sup> inst where Larry will pick

From.....		
Place.....		
Time.....		
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	To .....			By .....
	By .....		(Signature of "Franking Officer")	
TO: (In sheet)				
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	A A A	
<p>them up and convey them to 6<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde HQ L 21 a 30 when they will spend night, reporting then Batter coming at 7<sup>th</sup> Inst.</p>				
From	WOLB	1906		
Place				
Time				
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	At .....			From .....										
	To .....			By .....										
	By .....		(Signature of "Franking Officer")											
TO: All Bns - Th. 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn Field Amb														
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	A A A											
179	5													
<p>Reference made on 8<sup>th</sup> inst. to Rest. Area AAA. Billating parties of 1 officer and 3 Mecs will report to Bde HQ MAUROY to pick up motor lorry to take them to the YZEUX area. AAA the following is a forecast of allotment of bullets</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>21<sup>st</sup> &amp; 22<sup>nd</sup> Bns</td> <td>LA CHAUSSEE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 22<sup>nd</sup></td> <td>ST VAST</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bde HQ</td> <td>YZEUX</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Th. 1<sup>st</sup> Bn</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6<sup>th</sup> Field Amb</td> <td>BOURDON.</td> </tr> </table> <p>1 8 am tomorrow 8<sup>th</sup> inst.</p>					21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> Bns	LA CHAUSSEE	23 <sup>rd</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>	ST VAST	Bde HQ	YZEUX	Th. 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn	"	6 <sup>th</sup> Field Amb	BOURDON.
21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> Bns	LA CHAUSSEE													
23 <sup>rd</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>	ST VAST													
Bde HQ	YZEUX													
Th. 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn	"													
6 <sup>th</sup> Field Amb	BOURDON.													
From	6 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde													
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Time														
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W U G E		Sent		Date.....
PRIORITY		At.....m.		From .....
To .....		By .....		(Signature of "Franking Officer")
21st, 22nd, 23rd & 24th Bns., 2nd Aust.				
TO Pioneer Bn.				
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA	
B.M.84	5th			

Reference my B.M.79 AAA Unable to arrange lorry for N.O.O's left behind in line tonight AAA Can only suggest they lorry hop to ROISEL arriving there not later than 10 a.m. 7th inst. at which hour this Brigade commences entrainment there.

From	6th A.I. Bde.
Place	
Time	23.50
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Censor.	(Z) Major
Bde. Major 6th Inf. Bde.	
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P 511 27/2 H. & K. Ltd. (E. 2634).	

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Priority		At .....		From .....		W U G E
W U G E		To .....		By .....		(Signature of "Franking Officer")
TO 20th Bn						
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA			
B.M.81	5					
18th	Bn	night on	5th/6th	relief		
from	line	in	6th	will		
concentrate	on	region	5th	H.I.G. inst		
move	to	HERVILL	Y area	Bns		
A.I. Bde	in	28th	once	respective Bdes		
20th	27th	at	concerned	A.I. Bdes		
may	move	Div				
to	region					
addressed	Bns					
repeated	5th					
2nd	inst					
From						
Place						
Time						
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To Officer *etc* of *Patrol Line Groups*  
 You will arrange to have 2  
 W. cos. with each Coy of American  
 (except Support Coys). These W cos  
 will remain until evening  
 of 6<sup>th</sup> reporting at 9 pm to  
 present 6<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde <sup>HQ</sup> (NAUROY) where  
 motor lang will pick them  
 up.

*7-45 Jan*  
*5/10/10*

*W. H. Kelly*  
*for Col *etc* of Bde Relief*



## SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 186

Date.....

Ref. Maps 62.C. 1/40,000  
WIANCOURT 1/20,000

5th October, 1918.

1. The 6th A.I. Bde. Group consisting of.-  
 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.  
 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.  
 6th Aust. Fld. Coy. A.E.  
 6th Aust. Fld. Ambulance  
 6th Aust. H.G. Coy. plus attached section 7th A.H.G. Coy.  
 will move by march route from NAUROY AREA on 6th October to  
 HERVILLY AREA in accordance with attached March Table and following  
 instructions.
2. Billeting parties have been instructed to meet Staff Captain at  
 L.21.a.3.0. at 11 a.m. 6th October. Unit billeting areas will  
 then be indicated to Unit representatives.
3. Distances on March:-  
 Between units at least 500 yards.  
 " Coys. " " 100 "  
 " Unit and its Transport 100 yards.  
 " each section of 6 vehicles 25 yards.
4. Completion of move and location of Hdqrs. will be notified to Bde.  
 Hdqrs.
5. 6th A.I. Bde. H.Q. will close at NAUROY (G.17.b.55.65.) at 9 a.m.  
 6th October and reopen at L.21.a.3.0. (62.C.) at 12.00 same day.
6. Administrative Instructions have been issued.
7. The Bde. Group will probably entrain at ROISEL on 7th October for  
 YZEUX Area.

A c k n o w l e d g e . -

Issued through Signals at.....  
Distribution.-

1. 21st Bn.
2. 22nd "
3. 23rd "
4. 24th "
5. 6th A.D.T.M. Bty.
6. 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.
7. 6th Fld. Coy. A.E.
8. 6th Aust. Fld. Ambulance
9. 6th Aust. H.G. Coy.
10. 16th Coy. A.A.S.C.
11. 2nd A.H.G. Bn.
12. 5th A.I. Bde.
13. 7th A.I. Bde.
14. 59th American Inf. Bde.
15. 2nd Aust. Divn. "G"
16. " " " "A.Q."
17. Area Commdt. HERVILLY Area
18. G.O.C.
19. Bde. Major
20. Staff Captain
21. Bde. Transport Officer
22. Bde. Sig. Offr.
23. Bde. Bomb Officer
24. Bde. I.O.
25. - 27. War Diary
28. File
29. 32. Papers.

Major,  
Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

P.T.O.



MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 6th A. I. BDE. ORDER No. 186

Serial No.-	Unit.-	From.-	To.-	Route.-	Time to leave present area.-
1.	6th Fld. Coy. A.E.	NAUROY AREA	L.9.a.	Via VILLERET	8.30 a.m.
2.	6th A.I.Bde. n.Q.	-do-	L.21.a.3.0.	-do-	9.00 a.m.
3.	22nd Bn.	-do-	L.22.a.	-do-	9.00 a.m.
4.	23rd Bn.	-do-	L.16.	-do-	9.30 a.m.
5.	24th Bn.	-do-	L.21.b.	-do-	10.00 a.m.
6.	21st Bn.	-do-	L.21.c.&d. L.27.a.&b.	-do-	10.30 a.m.
7.	2nd A. Pioneer Bn.	-do-	L.8.b.	-do-	11.00 a.m.
8.	6th A.L.T.M. Bty.	-do-	L.9.a.	-do-	11.00 a.m.
9.	6th A.M.G. Coy.	-do-	L.14.a.	-do-	11.30 a.m.
10.	6th Aust.Fld. Ambulance	-do-	L.9.a.	-do-	At discretion of C.O.

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No. 1000  
Date 6.10.48

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1. The Bn will move to HORVILLY area on 6th inst.

2. Order of March 16pm A. B. D.

3. Advance Party. Collecting party consisting of Lt + one P.C.O. from 16pm + boys will report to Bn 16pm 17.10.48 at 9.30 am.

4. Transport. The Section will move under arrangement of Bde T.O.

5. Vehicle. Supplies. These will be dumped at 9.11.48 by 9.30 am.

Blankets + Great Coats will be carried on the main.

6. Breakfast. Mid-day meal.

7. The Battalion will be ready to move at 9.45 am.

Distribution

- 1. Bde
- 2-5. Main Supply
- 4-6. Boys
- 7. H.Q.
- 8. T.O. G.M.
- 9. Co.

L. B. D.



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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 211.

From 0600 3rd to 0600 4th October, 1918.

NOTE. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Infantry. At 0605 on 3rd instant, in conjunction with our Right and Left Flank Divisions, and supported by Tanks, we attacked and captured the BEAUREVOIR line. The enemy made a stubborn resistance in B.27.central, and counter-attacked strongly in the neighbourhood of BELLEVUE FARM. At 1800 our line ran N. to S. - B.2.central - B.8.cent. - B.15.c.0.7. - B.15.c.5.0. - B.15.d.7.0. - East of LA MOTTE FARM to B.22.c.2.0. - East of WIANCOURT to B.29.c.5.0. As a result of a further operation during the evening our line was advanced to B.30.a.central - B.23.c.2.8. - B.16.c.0.2. - B.15.b.3.8. - B.15.a.3.5. - B.9.c.0.5. - B.8.d.8.7. - B.8.b.8.8. - B.2.b.6.3. - B.2.b.0.5., thence defensive flank South along the BEAUREVOIR Line. Patrols are maintaining touch with our flanks.

(b) Artillery. The above operation was assisted by a creeping Field Artillery barrage, which, according to prisoners' statements, was very effective. Heavy Artillery assisted by bombarding selected targets.

(c) Aircraft. Our 'planes assisted materially during the operation.

(d) Prisoners. So far 23 Officers, 789 O.Rs. unwounded, have passed into Div. Cage. A further 2 Officers, 187 O.Rs. have been reported on their way. The total number of captures during the period is estimated at over 1,000.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

80 I.R.)	87 R.I.R.)	472 I.R.)
81 I.R.) 21st	88 R.I.R.) 21st Res. Div.	474 I.R.) 241st Div.
87 I.R.) Div.		
		90th R.I.R., 54th Div.
1st Guard Gren. Regt.)	2nd Guard Div.	46th I.R.)
4th Guard Gren. Regt.)		58th I.R.) 119th Div.
		46th R.I.R.)
27th F.A.R.	1st and 5th Coys. Pioneer Bn. 21.	
241 F.A.R.	5th Coy. Pioneer Bn. 11.	
	Pioneer Coy. 273.	

A detailed analysis of prisoners will be given at the conclusion of the operation.

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Active. The enemy's reply to our barrage came down on our front line after six minutes, but was at first weak and scattered. There was considerable artillery activity on both forward and back areas during the day. BELLICOURT and the BELLICOURT - HARGICOURT Road received attention. During the night 2nd/3rd and morning of 3rd instant a 15 cm. H.V. gun fired at intervals on F.27.c.8.4. The enemy appears to have withdrawn his guns to some distance and echeloned them in depth.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. From the resistance offered to our attack and prisoners' statements, it is evident that the enemy intended to hold the BEAUREVOIR line at all costs. He will, therefore, probably continue a vigorous defence, and possibly attempt to regain some of the positions lost.

5. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Activity was slight. A decrease in bombing activity has been marked during the past two days.

P.T.O.



7. MISCELLANEOUS.

Captures. Captures include 4 Field guns, 6 T.M's. and 51 M.G's. counted so far. A large number of the latter remain to be counted. The enemy dead in the sector, at a conservative estimate, is about 800.

Information regarding 21st Res. Div. consisting of the 80th<sup>R</sup> I.R., 87th R.I.R. and 88th R.I.R.

This Division was in the CAMBRAI area until a few days ago when it was moved into this area. It cannot be considered a fresh division (P.S.).

Information regarding 21st Div. consisting of the 80th F.R., 81st I.R. and 87th I.R. The 21st Division took part in the withdrawal, and was identified by us at CLERY. It is a tired division. (P.S.).

Information regarding 2nd Guard Div. Consisting of the 1st Guard Gren. Regt., 2nd Guard Gren. Regt. and 4th Guard Gren. Regt. First appeared West of PERONNE on 27th August. It has since lost heavily and has been practically continuously in the line. (P.S.).

Information regarding 241st Div., consisting of the 472nd I.R., 473rd I.R. and 474th I.R., is a Saxon Division, which was engaged at SOISSONS. It was then in rest for 4 weeks, and moved forward in the region of MONT BREHAIN about four days ago. It is moderately fresh.

Pioneer Bn. 21. The Field Coys. are being used as Infantry, as they were also at CLERY. (P.S.).

Pioneer Bn. 11. Is being used as Infantry Supports. (P.S.).

241st F.A.R. (121st Div.). 1st and 6th Batteries. Each had a section of 2 guns pushed forward for anti-tank purposes. None of these guns came into action owing to our barrage (P.S.).

*M. S. Denington*  
Lieut-Colonel,  
for General Staff,  
Second Australian Division.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES. (Army I.S. 288).

RESERVES.

There is still no news of any further reserves in back areas, and in view of the great disorganisation which appears to exist amongst the German units and the way reinforcing divisions are being pushed in to the fight in widely separated areas, it would certainly appear that there are no further fresh reserves available in the 2nd and 18th German Armies.

It is stated by one reliable prisoner that the bulk of their reserves have now been sent to the METZ area. This is corroborated by train movements.

PRISONERS.

The number of prisoners which passed through Corps Cages and C.C.S. since the 8th August is 56,167, of which 1,321 are officers.



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## SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 212.

From 0600, 4th to 0600, 6th October, 1918.

NOTE. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.

## 1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Infantry. At 0600 on the 4th instant, conforming with the Corps on our left, we advanced our line slightly in G.17., capturing 28 prisoners.

At 0605 on the 5th instant, in conjunction with an attack by the Corps on our left, our line Brigade and Pioneer Battalion, assisted by Tanks, attacked the enemy positions West of and including the village of MONTBREHAIN. After heavy fighting, during which the enemy offered a stubborn resistance, our objectives were gained and at 2230 our line ran as follows:- from S. to N. - H.18.a.8.7. - along railway to NEVILLES CROSS at I.7.a.6.5. - thence I.7.b.7.7. - I.2.c.0.0. - I.2.a.5.0. - I.2.a.5.2. - I.2.a.0.7. - C.25.d.9.0. - C.25.d.6.8. - C.25.d.5.4. - I.1.a.8.8. - I.1.a.6.6. - B.30.d.2.0. - B.30.d.0.2. - B.30.c.8.3. - B.30.c.5.5. Up to 1800 9 Officers, 426 Other Ranks unwounded had passed through Div. Cage, and a further 23 O.Rs., was reported to be coming in from Brigade H.Q. M.D.S. reported 7 officers, 59 other ranks wounded up to 1800. numerous machine guns were also captured, but an accurate estimate of captured material is not yet to hand. According to prisoners' statements, one 77 mm. gun was captured by us near the Church in MONTBREHAIN.

(b) Artillery. The attacks on the 4th and 5th instant were supported by a Field Artillery barrage and heavy artillery bombardments on selected areas and counter battery work.

## 2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

4th inst. - 21st Div. 81st I.R. 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 9th, 12th Coys.  
80th I.R. 5th, 8th, 10th Coys.

119th Div. 46th I.R. 1st, 7th, 9th, 10th Coys.  
58th I.R. 6th Coy.

273rd Pioneer Coy.

2nd Guard Div. Alexander Regt. 10th, 11th Coys. 3rd M.G.K.  
(1st Guard Gren.).

5th inst. 241st Div. 472 I.R. 5th Coy., 3rd M.G.K.

473 I.R. 3rd Coy., M.W. Coy.

474 I.R. 6th Coy., 1st and 2nd M.G. Coy, M.W. Coy.  
Regimental Staff.

374th Pioneer Coy.

253rd Bearer Coy.

48th F.A.R. 8th Bty.

27th Signal Section.

34th Div. 30th I.R. Coys. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12,  
1st and 3rd M.G.K's.  
67th I.R. Coys. 10, 11.

24th Div. 133 I.R. Coys. 1, 2, 3, 1st M.G.K.

139 I.R. Coys. 1, 2, 3, 1st M.G.K., M.W. Coy.

119 Div. 46th I.R. Coy 9.

The above identifications were established by prisoners.

A document dated 29:9:18 identified the Jager Div. in the LE PAVE - LESDAINS area and the 201st Div. in the CATTENIERES - BEAUVOIS - FONTAINE AU PIRE area.

## 3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Active on forward areas and on counter battery work. Rear areas were also subjected to harassing fire by 10 cm. and 15 cm. guns, including the BELLICOURT - HARGICOURT plank road and F.27.c. On the morning of the 6th a counter preparation was placed on our forward area.

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4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Realising the possibilities offered to us by the salient created between VENDHUILLE and BELLENGLISE the enemy is apparently throwing in all his local reserves to hold us until he is able to reorganise on a new line of defence. Further documents captured confirm the importance attached by the enemy to the holding of the BEAUREVOIR line, and his efforts to regain it. A stubborn resistance must therefore be expected.
5. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Active bombing on the night 4th/5th in forward areas. There has been marked inactivity of back area bombing 'planes within the past few days.
6. MISCELLANEOUS.

Information regarding the 34th Div. This Division, consisting of the 30th I.R., 67th I.R. and 135th I.R., was previously in line at ST. QUENTIN, and moved into this sector two days ago. It is a tired division, and Coy. strengths do not appear to exceed 50.

Information regarding the 24th Div. This Division, consisting of the 133 I.R., 139 I.R. and 179 I.R. of which the former two have been identified by contact, is a Saxon Division which was in line in ST. GOBAIN Forest and was moved up on the 30th ultimo to the SEBON-COURT area, whence it moved into line two days ago (4th instant). It is a tired Division.

The 241st Division is also a Saxon Division.

Morale. The morale of troops encountered in the BEAUREVOIR sector on the 3rd and 4th instant was better than encountered during previous contact with these Divisions. There is no explanation for this, as none of the Divisions in question have been rested, unless it is the fact that the men are beginning to realise they are fighting for their existence. The morale of the Regts. of the 24th, 34th and 241st Divisions encountered was not so good. On the whole, however, it is an undoubted fact that the resistance offered by the enemy within the last few days has stiffened considerably.

Miscellaneous information regarding units.

3rd M.G.K. 472nd I.R. Only 20 strong and had no machine guns left. The crews were, therefore, powerless, but were told to remain forward. They had had no food for three days. (P.S.).

48th F.A.R., 8th Bty. One gun was moved forward to a position behind a wall at the church in MONTBREHAIN for tank defence. It did not come into action, however, before it was captured. (P.S.).

139th M.W. Coy. had one light M.W. forward for anti-tank defence. It was manned by 8 men, one of whom was killed and 7 taken prisoner. The 24th (Heavy) M.W. Coy. has been disbanded and the personnel sent to regimental M.W. Coys. (P.S.).

27th Signal Section operating with Regimental H.Q. of 474 I.R., 100 yards W. of Northern exit of MONTBREHAIN. The Regt. was warned to expect an attack at 0600 on the 5th, but the expected reserves did not come up. The regimental commander of the 474th I.R. escaped. The 474th I.R. relieved the 472 I.R., whose commander, MAJOR von GRAUS was wounded a few days ago. (P.S.).

Order of Battle. The presumed Order of Battle on the 5th instant from N. of BEAUREVOIR is -

88 R.I.R.)

80 R.I.R.)

87 R.I.R.)

60 I.R. ... 121st Div. and elements 2nd Guard Div.

473 I.R. ....



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473 I.R. )  
474 I.R. 472 I.R. in Reserve. ) 241st Div.

179 I.R.)  
139 I.R.) 24th Div.  
133 I.R.)

30 I.R.)  
67 I.R.) 34th Div.  
145 I.R.)

In the MONTBREHAIN sector units seem to be considerably intermingled and confused.

LATER. A further 2 Off. 3 O.Rs. have been found in MONTBREHAIN.

*M. S. Dring*  
Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Second Australian Division.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES. (Army I.S. No. 290).

#### ENEMY'S INTENTIONS.

(a) A prisoner taken yesterday morning who was in LE CATEAU on the 2nd instant, and came up on night 2nd/3rd states that all civilians were told to leave there on 30th September. No fresh troops were seen in back areas. His general impression was that the area as far back as LE CATEAU was being cleared.

(b) An Alsatian prisoner of 58th I.R., taken yesterday, states preparations for retirement are in progress. Railways and roads are being mined far back. Bridges prepared for demolition were seen at LA CAPELLE and BUSIGNY. Civilians were leaving BRANCOURT.

(c) Fires or large explosions were reported yesterday at FRESNOY-le-GRAND, PONCHAUX and VILLERS OUTREUX (5 fires).

(d) An officer specially examined stated that the retirement would continue to a line further in rear. He was ignorant of the locality of this line.

NOTE. - This statement strengthens the possibility of a withdrawal to the VALENCIENNES - CIVET Line reported to be in course of construction by a prisoner captured on the 2nd instant.

(e) Conclusions. - Evidence accumulates that the enemy intends shortly to carry out a retirement. Every available local reinforcement is apparently rushed up to hold the line at all costs to cover the necessary preparations for a withdrawal.

#### RESERVES.

Owing to the disbandment of the 233rd Div. a total of 183 Bns., equivalent to over 20 infantry Divs., have now been disbanded. There are indications that 5 additional Divs. may have been disbanded.

There are now 184 German Inf. Divs., 3 dismounted Cavalry Divs., and 5 Austro-Hungarian Divs. in the Western Theatre, a total of 193 enemy Divs. Since the Allied offensive began on the 26th September, a total of 89 German Divs. have been engaged, of which 22 have been withdrawn after suffering heavy casualties. Excluding these latter, and 4 other Divs. of poor quality, there are 37 enemy Divs. in reserve.

#### PRISONERS.

The number of prisoners which passed through Corps Cages and C.C.S. since 8th August is 60,177, of which 1,400 are officers.

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C.R.A.  
C.R.E.  
2nd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.  
5th Aust. Inf. Bde.  
6th do.  
7th do.  
2nd Aust. M. B. Bn.  
2nd Aust. Pion. Bn.

2ND Aust. Div. Salvage Coy.  
2nd Aust. Div. Train.  
2nd Aust. Mob. Vet. Section.  
D.A.D.O.S.  
D.A.D.V.S.  
A.Q.  
A.D.M.S.  
D.A.P.M.

Ga. 157

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Following from Aust. Corps begins AAA Following from General  
RA LINDSON AAA Begins AAA Please convey to General ROSENTHAL and  
all ranks of the 2nd Australian Division my best thanks and  
sincerest congratulations on their fine performance to-day in  
capturing MONTERECHAIN AAA It has added one more to the long list  
of successes they have gained when they helped to save AMIENS,  
at VILLERS BRETONNEUX helped to break the German line on 8th  
August and later turned the SOMME defences by the capture of  
MONT ST QUENTIN AAA Ends AAA.

2nd Aust. Div.

1700

*John ...*  
Lieut-Colonel,  
G.C.



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Brigade Headquarters  
6th Oct., 1918

21st Bn. —  
22nd "  
23rd "  
24th "  
6th T.M.Bty.  
6th Fld. Amb.

Winter time comes into force immediately on  
receipt of this memo i.e. —

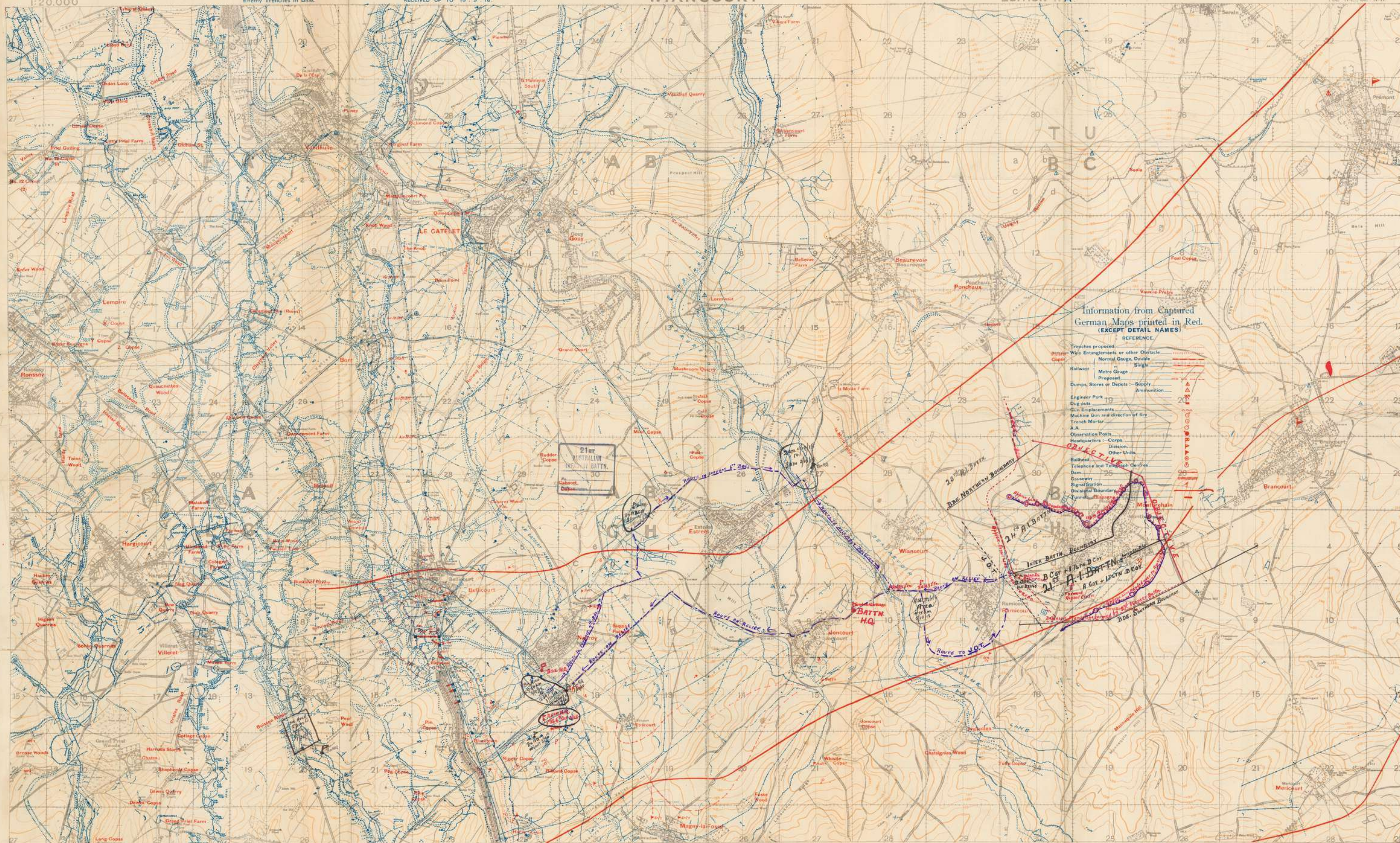
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*sgt J. H. Lane*  
Major,  
Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

*2 copies 8.30 am  
J.H.L.*



Parts of 57<sup>C</sup>S.E., 57<sup>B</sup>S.W.  
162<sup>C</sup>N.E., 62<sup>B</sup>N.W.

TRENCHES CORRECTED FROM INFORMATION  
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